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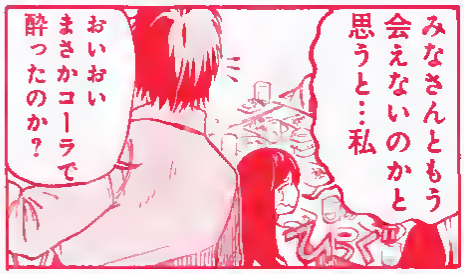

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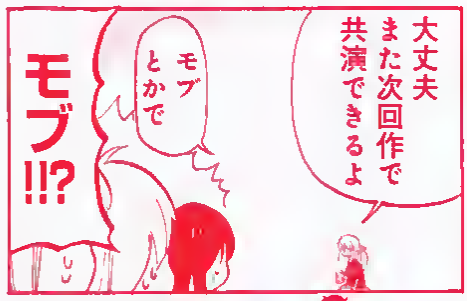

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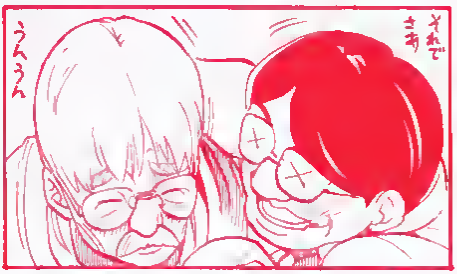

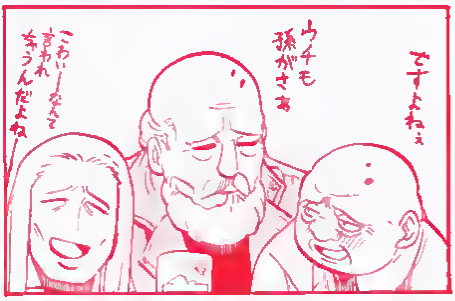

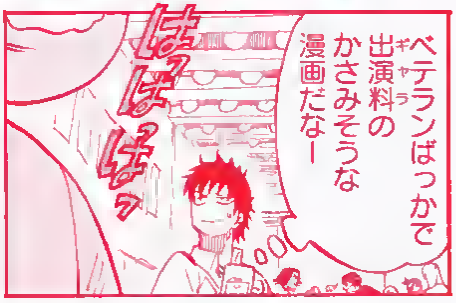

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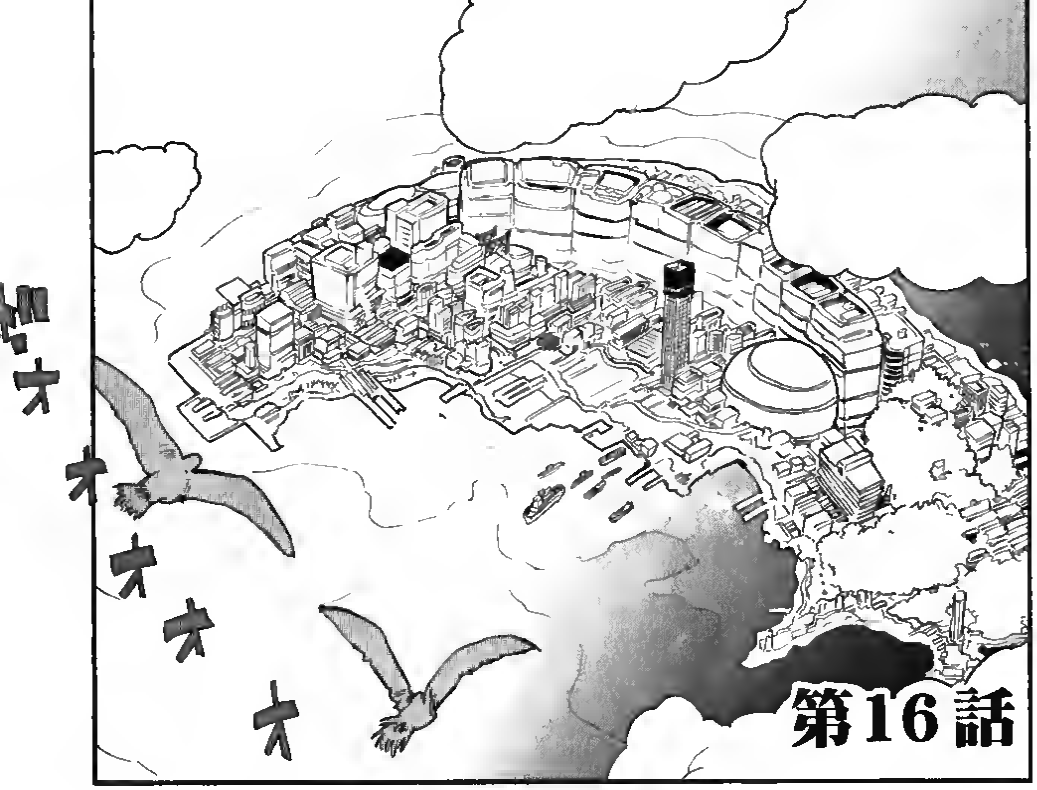
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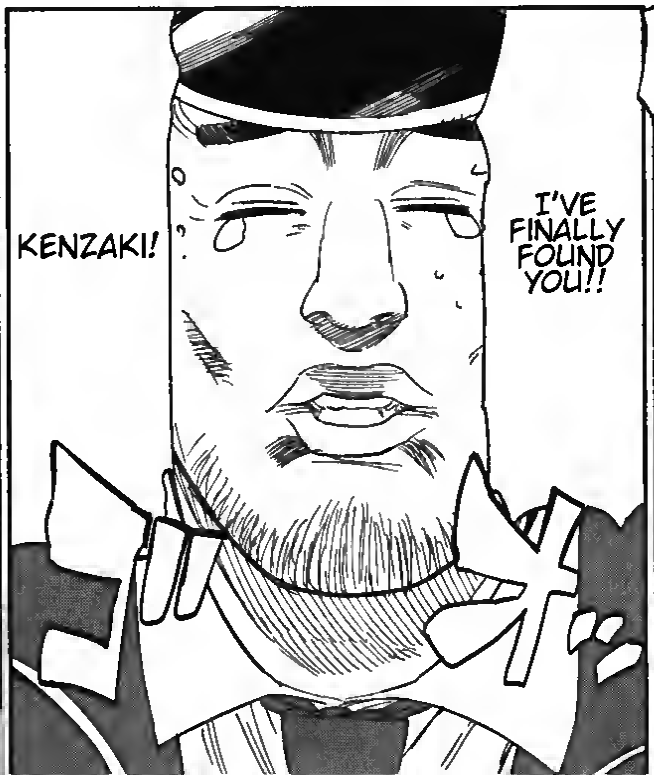
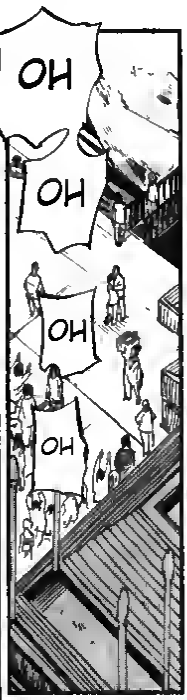

KENZAKI!
I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU!!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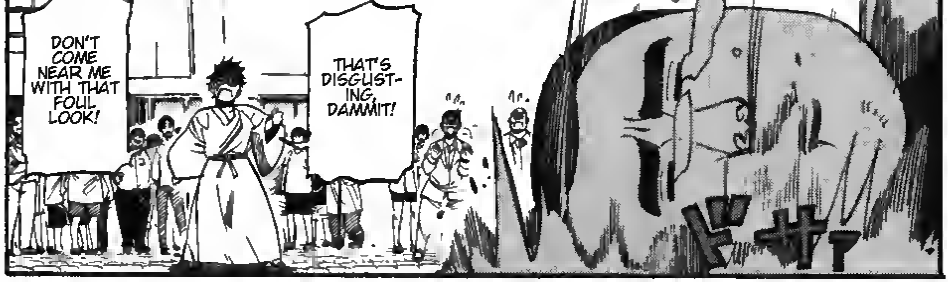
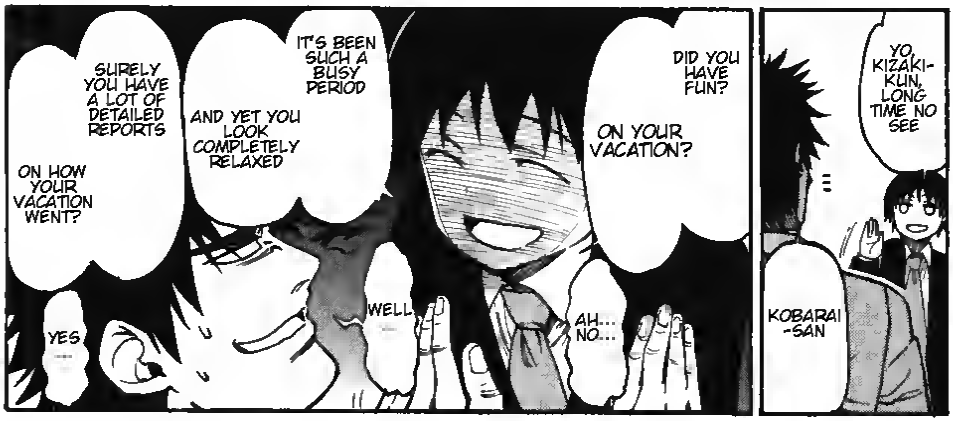
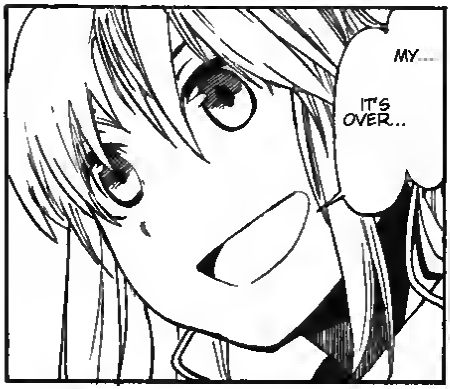
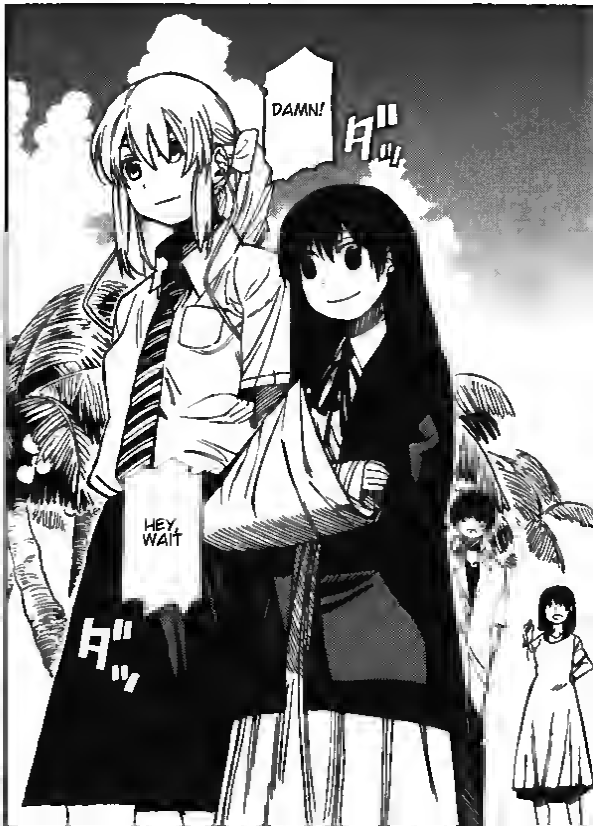

DON'T COME NEAR ME WITH THAT FOUL LOOK!
THAT'S DISGUST-ING, DAMMIT!
ドサッ


YO KIZAKI-KUN, LONG TIME NO SEE
KOBARAI -SAN
DID YOU HAVE FUN?
ON YOUR VACATION?
AH... NO...
IT'S BEEN SUCH A BUSY PERIOD
AND YET YOU LOOK COMPLETELY RELAXED
SURELY YOU HAVE A LOT OF DETAILED REPORTS
ON HOW YOUR VACATION WENT?
WELL...
YES...


MY... IT'S OVER..

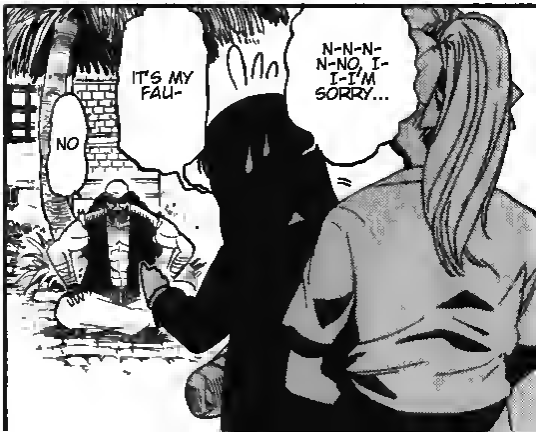
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT MYSELF...


DAMN!
HEY, WAIT

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT TOO
RIGHT
I TOO AM FEELING LIGHT-HEADED
INDEED
THE ISLAND IS SAVED
ギャアー
BUT
AOI-CHAN
THANK YOU

SORRY
I'M

I'M SORRY...


IT'S MY FAU-
NO
N-N-N-N-NO, I-I-I'M SORRY...

I'M SORRY...
I SAID BAD THINGS ABOUT YOU WITHOUT KNOWING BETTER..
SOR-RY...
I CAME... TO APOLOGISE TO YOU
SO IT'LL BE FINE IF WE BECAME FRIENDS...
IF YOU KEEP APOLOGISING TO ME I'LL FEEL DE-PRESSED
NO NO, THAT'S...
AND... I'M SORRY FOR A LOT OF THINGS I DID TO BOSS-SAN!
WHO IS THAT...
I'LL FOLLOW YOU FOREVER, AOI-NEECHAN!
OHHH! WHAT MAGNAMITY!
EHH!?
Neechan?

AA
A
A
A
HEM!
HEM!
A
WHO'S THAT GUY?
HE'S LOUD
AHEM!
HMPH
EVERYONE! STOP! AND BEHAVE YOURSELVES!

LISTEN UP, PEOPLE OF THIS ISLAND!
THE OTHER DAY, WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS OF THAT A WANTED CRIMINAL IS HIDING HERE!
AND WE ARE HERE TO APPREHEND HER!
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I AM A COLONEL FROM THE ARMY HEADQUARTERS
ANYONE WHO KNOWS OF THE CRIMINAL, ASAMIYA AOI!
PEOPLE WHO HAVE SHELTERED HER!
KNOW OF HER WHEREABOUTS!
ANYTHING! WE WANT THE DETAILS!

HOWEVER! LIARS! AND FALSE WITNESSES!
WILL BE PUNISHED!
ON THE SPOT!

ANYONE WHO KNOWS SOMETHING, STEP FORWARD!

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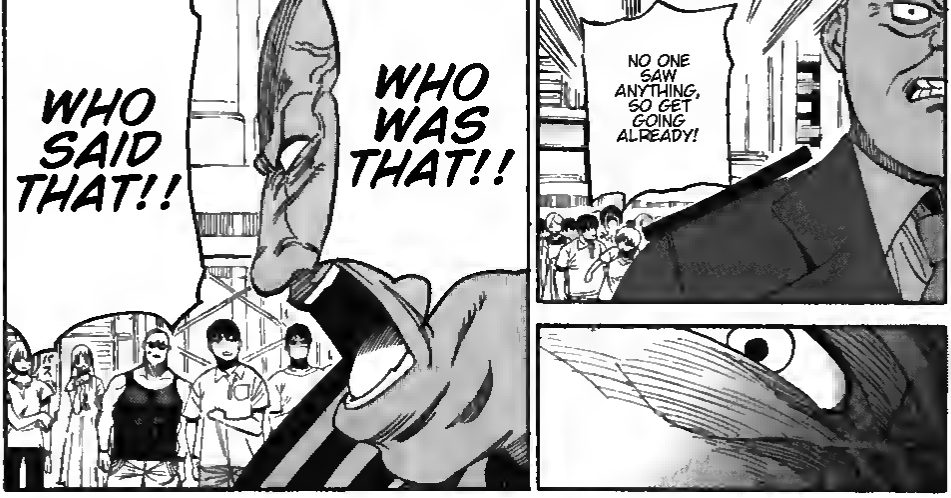
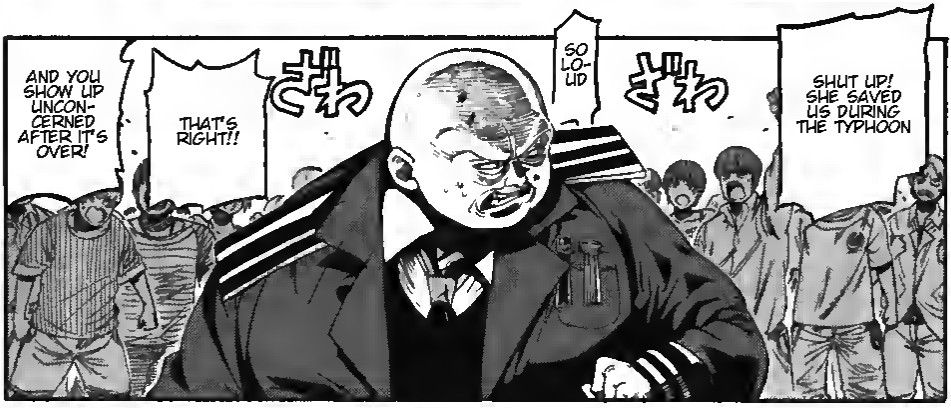
WHAT IN THE WORLD...

IS NO ONE SAYING ANYTHING!
WHY...


WHO SAID THAT!!
WHO WAS THAT!!
NO ONE SAW ANYTHING, SO GET GOING ALREADY!


AND YOU SHOW UP UNCONCERNED AFTER IT'S OVER!
THAT'S RIGHT!!
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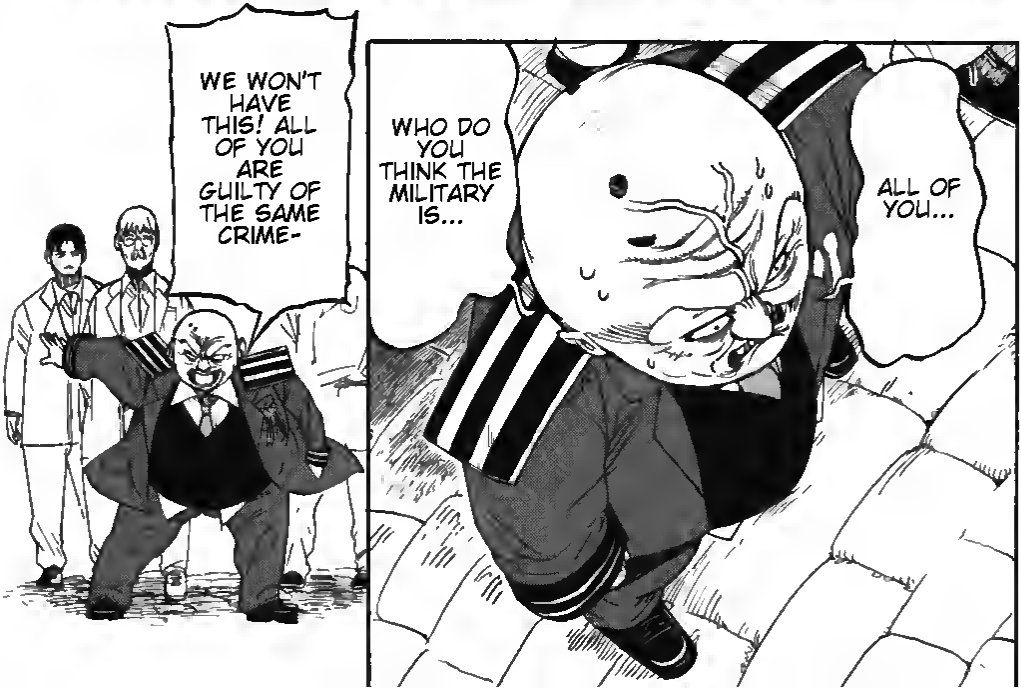
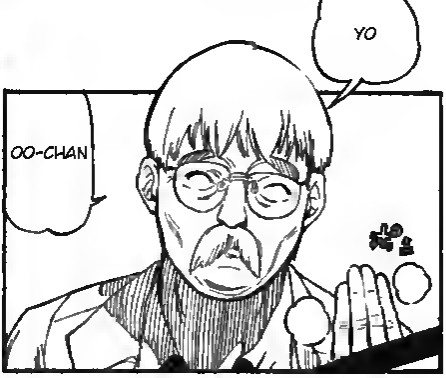
SO LOUD
ざわ
SHUT UP! SHE SAVED US DURING THE TYPHOON


WE WON'T HAVE THIS! ALL OF YOU ARE GUILTY OF THE SAME CRIME-
WHO DO YOU THINK THE MILITARY IS...
ALL OF YOU...

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU
HMPH ONLY YOU'D FALL FOR THAT
DIDN'T THEY SAY THEY DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING?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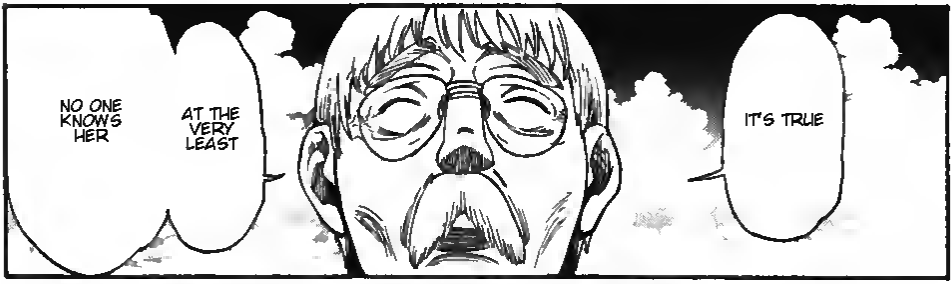
OO-CHAN

YOU... ISAO!?
!?


NO ONE KNOWS HER
AT THE VERY LEAST
IT'S TRUE

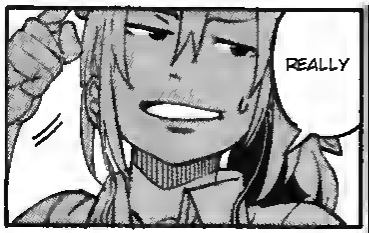
SHE'LL ALREADY HAVE PLANS TO ESCAPE

HMPH... SO YOU SAY?
IN THAT CASE
EVEN IF THEY DON'T KNOW HER, IN THE RARE CHANCE THEY FIND-

OOII! THE SEA! ON THE SEA!!
IT'S HER! SHE ESCAPED!!
DON'T LET HER ESCAPE!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
GIVE FULL CHASE!
HMPH!
YOU ALL ARE LUCKY!

SEE YOU NEXT TIME!
WE SHALL GO TOO
IDIOT

CATCH HER AT ANY COST!
SPLIT INTO THREE SQUADS!
YES SIR


REALLY

THAT WAS DANGEROUS, KENZAKI-SAN

BEAR WITH IT!
ERM, BOSS... THIS WIG IS TOO EMBARASSING
WAIT!!
YOU CRIMINAL!!

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MAXI-
MUM
POWER
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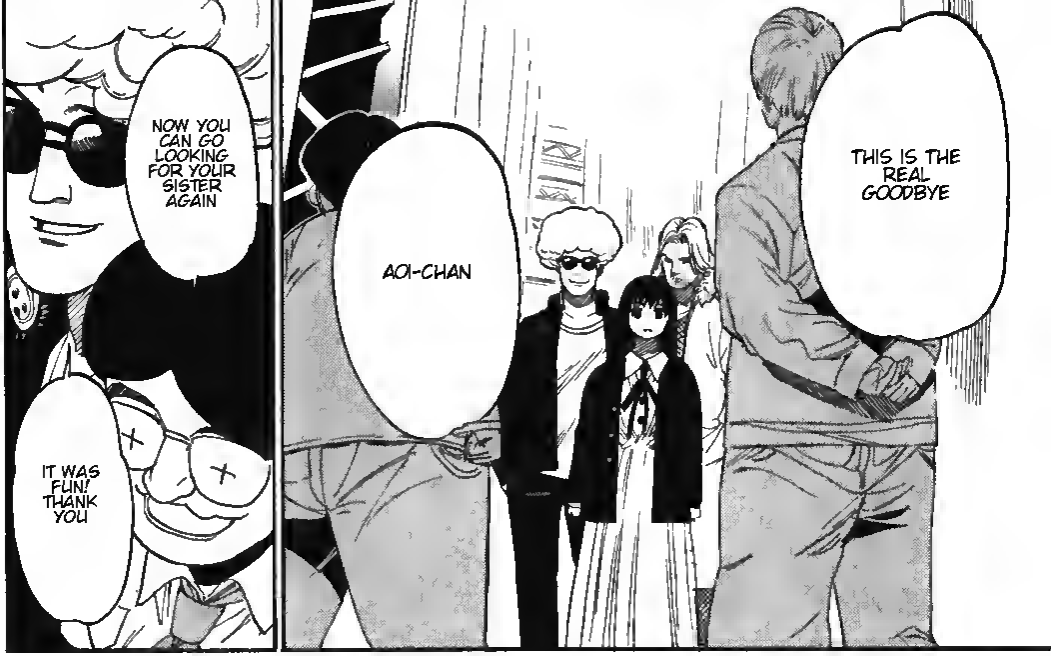
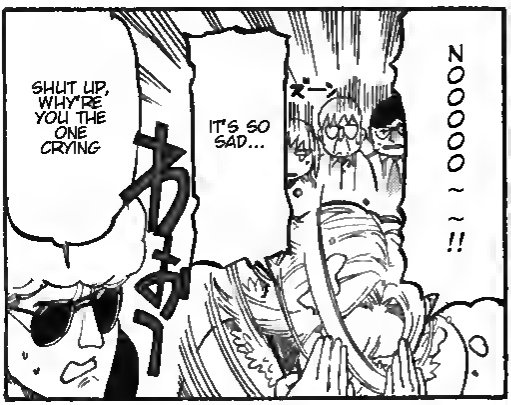
HERE WE GO...
YEAH
WELL... AT THAT RATE, THEY'LL BE FINE
NOW
ザザ?...


NOW YOU CAN GO LOOKING FOR YOUR SISTER AGAIN
IT WAS FUN! THANK YOU
AOI-CHAN
THIS IS THE REAL GOODBYE


SHUT UP, WHY'RE YOU THE ONE CRYING
IT'S SO SAD...
NOOOOO~~!!

WHY IS AOI-CHAN APOLOGISING
S SORRY
BUT...
BUT IT'S SO SAD!!
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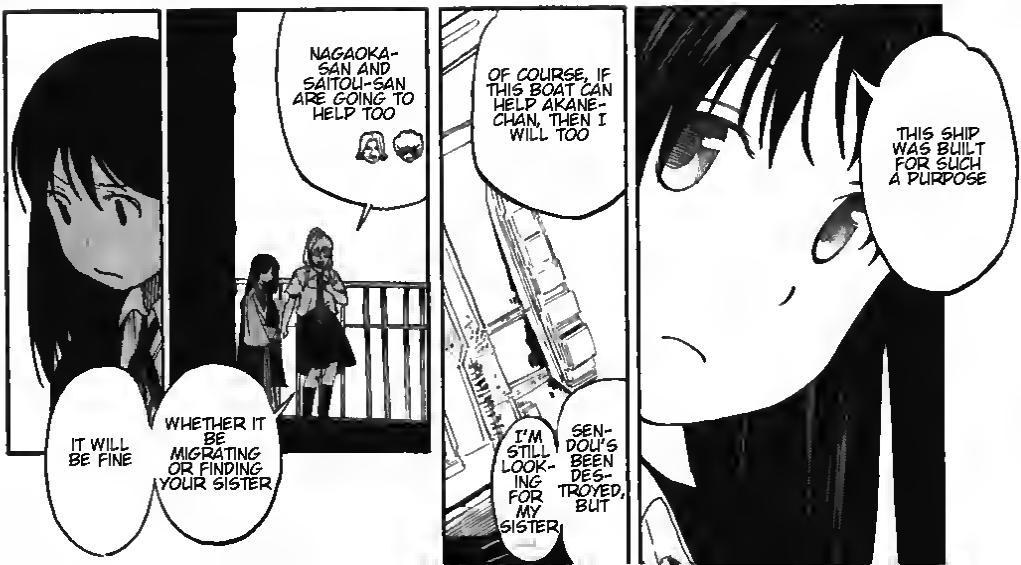
ゴトッ
ALL PASSENGERS, PLEASE BOARD THE SHIP SWIFTLY
WE'RE DEPAR-TING!
GOOD WORK
ALRIGHT! EVERY-THING'S BEEN MOVED
ピキッ
AH, EXCUSE ME
ボオオオ

QUITE A BIT
YOU REALLY LOVE THOSE
YO

THEREFORE WE'RE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH KURYUU AND KINJOU ABOUT IMMIGRATION
THIS ISLAND CAN'T BE CALLED SAFE ANYMORE, WITH THE TYPHOON AND SUCH...
WELL I'LL BE REALISTIC


IT WILL BE FINE
WHETHER IT BE MIGRATING OR FINDING YOUR SISTER
NAGAOKA-SAN AND SAITOU-SAN ARE GOING TO HELP TOO
I'M STILL LOOKING FOR MY SISTER
SENDOU'S BEEN DESTROYED, BUT
OF COURSE, IF THIS BOAT CAN HELP AKANE-CHAN, THEN I WILL TOO
THIS SHIP WAS BUILT FOR SUCH A PURPOSE

EVERY-
THING
I WILL
HELP TOO
I WILL
TELL
YOU
ABOUT
ME...
ABOUT
WHAT I
KNOW
.. HOW
SO?
I WILL
TELL
YOU
EVERY-
THING I
KNOW!

THIS IS A HYPOTHESIS, BUT
ASAMIYA AOI IS NOT FROM THIS PLANET
THOSE WHO BALANCE THE SCALES
AND THOSE WHO JUDGE
THAT SHE WAS A CYBORG
I FOUND OUT WHEN I WAS TREATING HER
SHE ISN'T EVEN HUMAN TO BEGIN WITH
THAT CONTAIN ANY DETAILS ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH A THING
THERE ARE NO DOCUMENTS
BUT

WHOEVER SENT THEM HAVE TWO MOTIVES
THEN EXPLAINS
BOTH THE JOURNEY
AND THE USE OF TENZU
BUT
I HAD FUN
...YES
IT WAS FUN...
...I'VE GOT NO CHOICE
HEY
HELLO? IT'S ME
KYOUKO

NORTH KINJOU, DRAGONBACK SUMMIT
ゴゴゴゴ
OH
THERE SHE IS
GOOD WORK, COMING TO SUCH A PLACE
GOKURAKU-DOU! I WENT THERE!
AND I SAW YOUR SISTER
OH...
I SEE

GORYOU SENDOU, WASTE-LAND
IT'S SAD FOR PEOPLE TO DIE
WHAT KIND OF PERSON
WAS ASAMIYA SOU-TAROU?
...KUDOU
OH...
I HAVEN'T TOLD NORO YET...
THAT GUY...
YOO, KUDOU

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO SHOW YOU

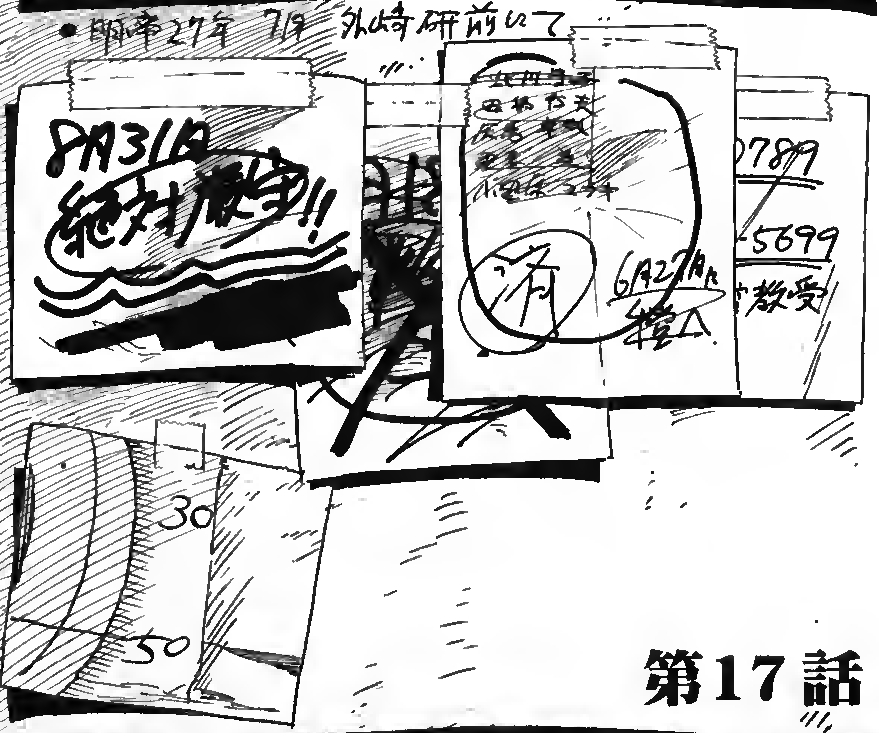
HE WAS
LOONY IN
THE HEAD

WELL...
WHAT WAS THIS ISLAND CREATED FOR AFTER THE WAR
IT HAS PROBABLY TRAVELLED AROUND, DEVOURING AND LAYING WASTE TO MANY PLANETS
THIS POWER OF PROGRESS MAY HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM THAT MONSTER
THE POWER WHICH A CERTAIN FEW OF US POSSESS IS BEYOND WHAT HUMANITY CAN CURRENTLY DEVELOP
IN OTHER WORDS
IT EVOLVED
IT TRANSFORMS INTO A FORM
WHEN IT LANDS ON A PLANET
WHICH MAKES IT EASY TO ABSORB NUTRIENTS...

PERHAPS WE DESCENDED FROM THESE PLANET EATERS
AND EVOLVED INTO CULTURES AND CIVILISATIONS
OUR ANCESTORS, TOO, HAVE SLOWLY TAKEN THIS PLANET'S RESOURCES...
...NO WAY
OF COURSE, I DON'T KNOW THE TRUTH
HOWEVER, THERE ARE TERRIFYING THINGS LOOKING FOR THIS PLANET EATER
WERE THEY THE ONES WHO CAUSED THE STORM?
WHAT ASAMIYA SOUTAROU WAS LOOKING FOR
WAS A WAY...
TO DEFEAT THESE PEOPLE, THE TENZU

パラ..
Sketch Book
ASAMIYA SOUTAROU WAS MY SENIOR

THOUGH WE NEVER SAW EACH OTHER AS SUCH
WE WERE FRIENDS RESEARCHING THE SAME THING
THAT'S RIGHT
IT ALL HAPPENED... IN THAT SUMMER



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MORE THAN TEN YEARS AGO
JULY, MEITEI 28
Thirteenth research team
第13次調査隊
OUR AIM WAS THE RECOVERY OF CULTURE BEFORE THE WAR
EARLY IN THE YEAR I, KUDOU HARUMI, WAS AMONG THE THIRTY WHO HAD NEWLY ENTERED THE 21ST RESEARCH TEAM
WE WERE A RESEARCH TEAM COMPRISING OF VOLUNTARY EXPLORERS
THERE'S WHERE I MET ASAMIYA SOUTAROU

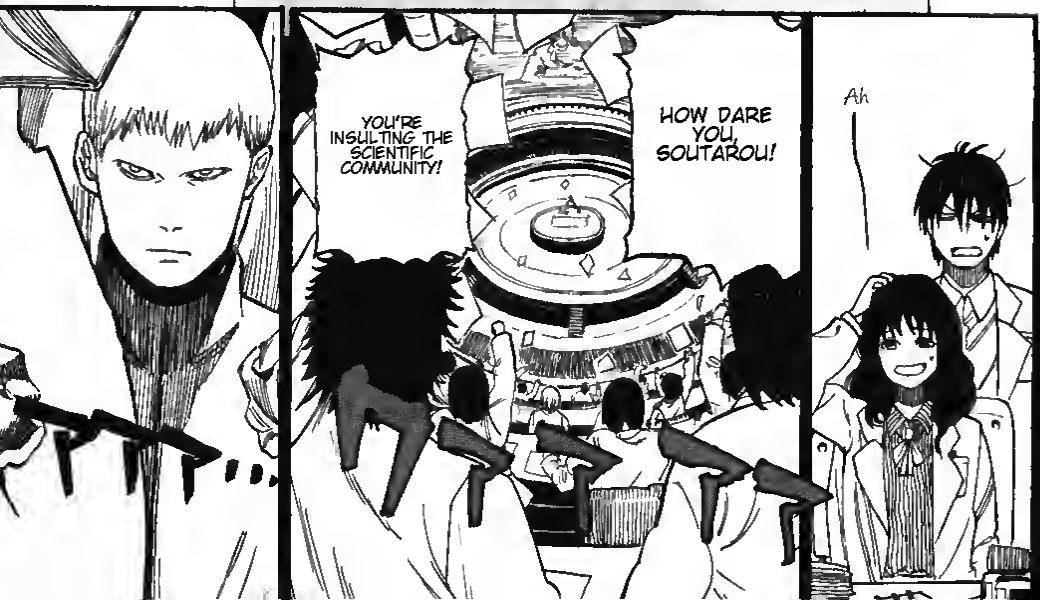
RE-
JECTED!
NO
GOOD!
SORRY!
REALLY, KUDOU-KUN! IF THIS IS WHAT YOU HAVE THEN YOU OUGHT TO COME UP WITH A NEW PROPOSAL LEARN FROM MIROKI
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IF YOU ACTUALLY WORK AT THE SITE

REALLY, YOU IDIOT
YOU SHOULD WRITE SOMETHING THE PROFESSOR LIKES FOR YOUR PROGRESS REPORT
BUT...
MY
THE TRICK IS TO "SLIP UP" AT THE LAST MOMENT AND PUBLISH YOUR OWN RESEARCH
I LIKE IT, THOUGH
MYSTERIES ABOUT THE PERIOD KNOWN AS THE WAR IS A NOVEL SUBJECT
BUT I'D PERSONALLY HAVE DUG A LITTLE DEEPER INTO THE DOCUMENTS ABOUT SHIHOU
ASAMIYA -SAN
GIVE IT UP, SHE'S SMITTEN WITH HER HUSBAND
AH, YES YES
THERE WILL BE A CONFERENCE AT SENDOU
WILL YOU COME?

THUS AS I HAVE REPEATEDLY SAID
THREE DAYS LATER, GORYO SENDOU, RESEARCH CONFERENCE
I'VE TOLD YOU COUNTLESS TIMES THAT THAT EARTH LAYER HAS BEEN FULLY INVESTIGATED
EVEN WITH THE MOST TOP-NOTCH FLYING TECHNOLOGY WE HAVE .
WE CAN'T HELP YOU, SO GIVE IT UP
IT'S BECAUSE OF SUCH THINGS THAT WE'RE BEING DELAYED ON SHIHOU!!
RESEARCH ISN'T A HOBBY FOR YOU TO PLAY WITH

GEEZ, COMMANDER SHICHIDOU!
HE'S AN INTEREST ING FELLOW
SHUT UP AND LISTEN TO ASAMIYA-KUN'S OPINION
GOT IT, SETTLE DOWN

I DON'T MIND
IT'S ACTUALLY CONCRETE COMPARED TO THE REST OF YOUR RUBBISH


Ah
HOW DARE YOU, SOUTAROU!
YOU'RE INSULTING THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY!

HAA...
THANKS, I'VE ALREADY GOT ONE THOUGH
HOW WAS IT?
HE'S AN AMAZING PERSON
WELL... HOW SHOULD I SAY IT
I KEEP THINKING WHAT'D HAVE HAPPENED IF I WASN'T THERE
THOUGH IN THE END YOU EXTRACTED HIM OUT

NAH... HE'LL STILL HAVE ESCAPED
INDEED
DON'T BE SO SURPRISED
U WA A !?
ANYWAY, PLEASED TO MEET YOU
P-PLEASED TO MEET YOU TOO
WAS WORRIED THAT YOU'D MAKE A MOVE ON MY WIFE
!? WHAT DID YOU HEAR ABOUT ME
I HEARD ABOUT YOU FROM MIDORI

AND ALSO A GENIUS
ASAMIYA SOUTAROU WAS A WEIRDO
AMONG ALL OF THEM IN THEIR CLEAN LABCOATS, YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WITH DIRTIED HANDS
BUT I NOTICED YOU AT THE EXCAVATION SITE
I CAME HERE... AND WAS DISAPPOINTED AT HOW THEY ALL ONLY CARE ABOUT PRESTIGE
ALL THE PEOPLE HERE LACK THE BRAINS TO BECOME A LEADER
OF COURSE
THEY'RE ALL IDIOTS
ニヤリ
THEREFORE I THOUGHT I SHOULD GET TO KNOW YOU
HMPH
ぷいぷい

WHILE HE DID NOT HAVE A HIGH POSITION, HE HAD MANY ACHIEVE-MENTS
BUT HE DOES HAVE A SHARP MIND
HE MAY BE LIKE THAT
RESPECTED ASAMIYA SOUTAROU
I
カツ
コツ
HOW-EVER
コツ

GIANT TREE SHRINE
UNSHU BACK-LANDS
LET'S BLOW IT UP
ALRIGHT...
DON'T JOKE AROUND
BLOW...!?
THAT'S RIGHT
B-BLOW IT UP!?

PEOPLE COME TO THIS REMOTE REGION BECAUSE OF THE TREE!
THIS PLACE WAS CREATED THROUGH THE FAITH OF THE PEOPLE
WHAT A STUPID THING TO DO
SOU-TAROU-SAN!
YOU'RE CRAZY!
AND YOU WANT TO... JUST BLOW IT UP!?
MIROKI... YOU...
IF SOMETHING HAPPENS NOW...
AFTER BEING HIS UNDERLING FOR YEARS, I'VE MANAGED TO CLIMB ABOVE HIM
RIGHT, RIGHT
I THOUGHT ABOUT THAT
AH...

SOU-TAROU-SAN!
ゆらり!
WE JUST HAVE TO
GET RID OF THE TOWNSFOLK
ASA-MIYA SOU-TAROU ...
HUH?
WE'RE DELAYED UNNECESSARILY DUE TO THE PEOPLE LIVING HERE
WHY SHOULD THEY BOTHER US
OUR RE-SEARCH IS MORE IM-
THAT'S
IF WE CUT OFF THEIR SUPPLIES, THEY WON'T LAST THREE DAYS
YOU'LL REPORT THEM AS ELEMENTS OF UNREST
THEN WE CAN TAKE OUR TIME STUDYING
ENOUGH!
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I'M VERY SORRY
FOR MY STUPID HUS-BAND!
VERY VERY SORRY
NO NO, THE FAULT IS OURS...
HE WAS LIKE AN OVERWHELMING INTELLIGENCE CONCEALED IN HUMAN SKIN
IT'S PROBABLY THANKS TO ASAMIYA MIDORI
THAT HE WAS STILL HUMAN
HERE YOU FORGOT YOUR SNACKS
OOHH, THANK YOU
I NEARLY DIED

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きゅっ
OUR CHILD'S HERE TODAY, SO BEHAVE YOURSELF
EH!? YOU HAVE A CHILD, SOUTARÔ-SAN!?
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING, OF COURSE I DO
SURELY YOU HAVE ONE TOO
NO... I'M STILL SEVENTEEN...
UHAHAHA, YOU SURE LOOK OLD!
STOP IT, SOU-CHAN
IT'S THE BEARD, ISN'T IT? THE BEARD!
AND HE SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN AN INTEREST IN YOU
HE'S LIKE THAT
WHAT SHOULD I DO

HE MAY BE AWKWARD, BUT I WANT TO SEE A FUTURE TOGETHER WITH HIM
BUT EVEN SO, HE'S ACTUALLY A REALLY COOL PERSON
THAT WAS THE LAST TIME I TALKED TO HER
HOW-EVER
FOR THE SAKE OF THOSE CHILDREN...
AND I ALREADY HAVE A NAME
I... JUST DISCOVERED I'M EXPECTING A SECOND ONE

ガコン
YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW ME?
BUT WHY ME?
THERE'RE OTHER GOOD SCIENTISTS LIKE MIROKI
YOU'VE BEEN WITH ME FOR A LONG TIME, SO I TRUST YOU
BESIDES MIROKI
ガコン
HAS VANISHED

VANISHED ....
WE NEVER HAD A HIGHER DEPART-MENT IN THE FIRST PLACE
ONLY BAD GUYS WHO KNOW THE TRUTH
THERE ARE MANY OF THEM AROUND THE WORLD
AND THEY WILL NOT TOLERATE TRUTH SEEKERS
THAT'S THE REASON WHY I REFUSE A HIGHER POSITION
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW, THEN FOLLOW
パキッ

AH?
WHAT
YOU
Y
W
NOO
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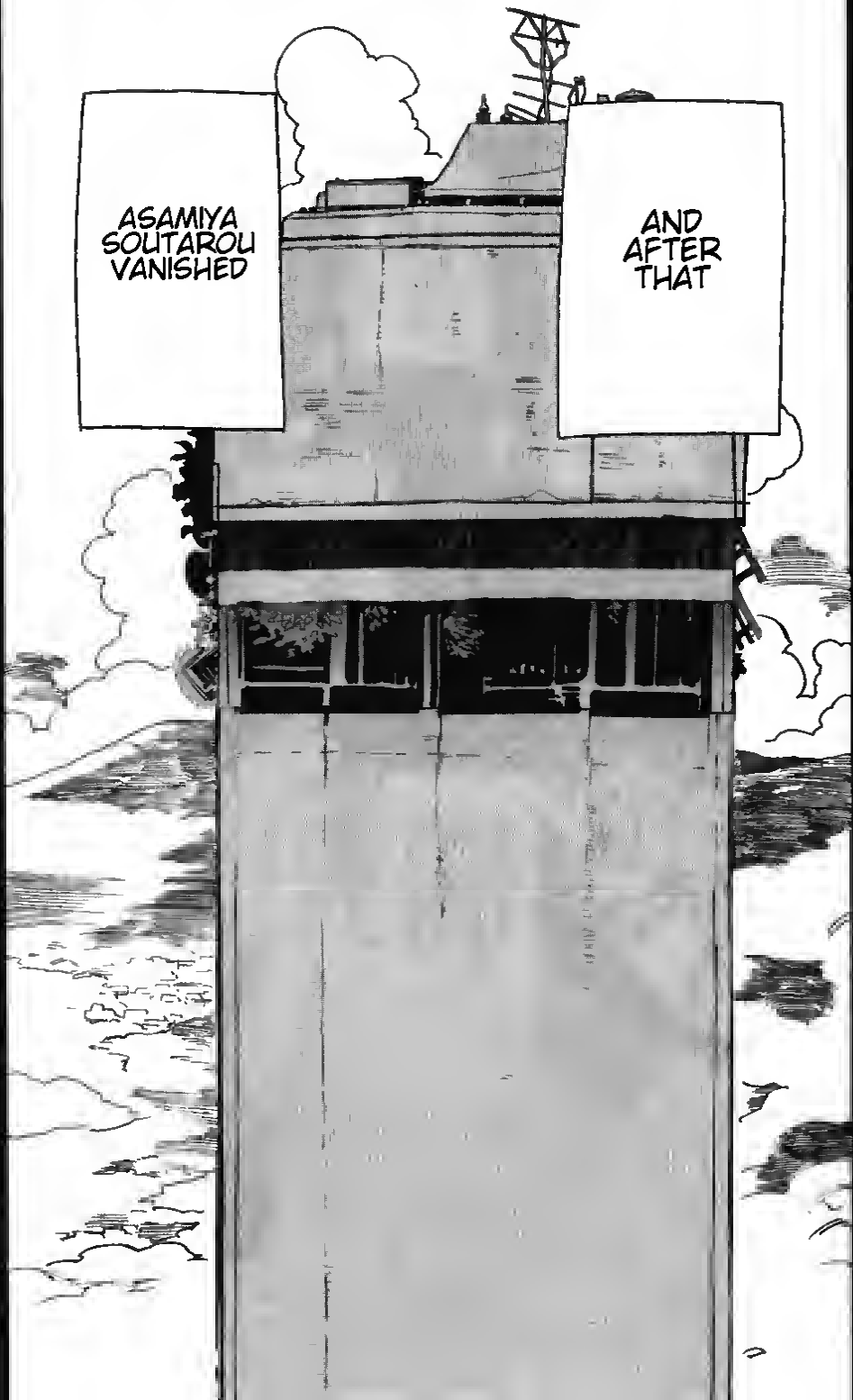
OI
NO!?
IM POS IBI
YOU, THAT
WHAT
HUH?
OI
LET GO
THIS CAN'T BE

SOMETHING HAPPENED
BUT I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS
ONLY WHEN SOUTAROU DASHED OFF LIKE A BULLET DID I COME TO MY SENSES
I ONLY KNOW THAT I HAD ESCAPED FROM CERTAIN DEATH
AND
THAT SOMETHING INSIDE SOUTAROU-SAN DIED
THAT ASAMIYA MIDORI WAS DEAD


ASAMIYA SOUTAROU VANISHED
AND AFTER THAT

I have a distant, distant memory

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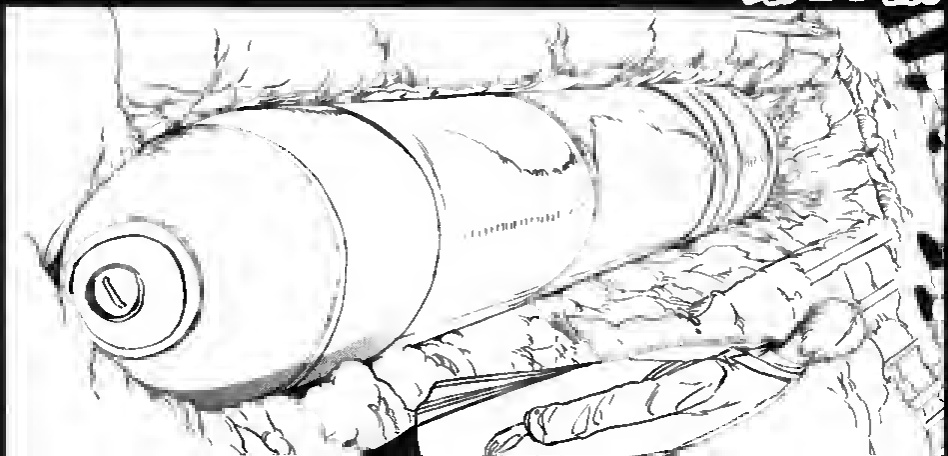


THREE YEARS HAVE PASSED
HERE...
麻宮 宗太郎
ピンポーン
ガチャ
YO

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, KUDOU
HAVE YOU BEEN WELL?
I'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT YOU, BUT
I'M GLAD YOU HAVE HAD A NORMAL LIFE THE PAST FEW YEARS
MY RESEARCH CONTINUES... AND I HAD TO KEEP MOVING AROUND AWAY FROM THAT"
ALTHOUGH I FOUND YOU, I DIDN'T HAVE THE TIME TO VISIT

SLOWLY
I HAVE THINGS TO TELL YOU
SOUTAROU-SAN, YOU...

WHAT'S GOING ON?
THESE CHILDREN ...
WH...
I'LL PUNISH YOU LATER
WE HAVE GUESTS TODAY, SO
SO-RRY
I'M
I...
ブルブル
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
AH... IT'S FINE

IT WAS STILL A HYPOTHESIS BACK THEN
BUT WE FINALLY CONFIRMED IT
THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CHILD
IT WAS SOMETIME LAST YEAR, I THINK
WHEN I FINALLY CONTACTED YOU AGAIN
ARE YOU TAKING CARE OF HER?
SOUTAROU-SAN...

WHAT IS THAT...?
THE WORK OF THIS CHILD
I HAD TO DESTROY THE THING INSIDE
IT'LL BE BAD IF IT ATTACKED ME ON THE WAY HERE
AH, BUT IT'S SAFE NOW
YOU CAN TOUCH IT

YOU PROPOSED IT IN THE PAST, DIDN'T YOU...
"THE WAR DIDN'T EXIST"
I WAS THINKING THE SAME THING TOO
IN FACT, IT WAS THE TIME WHEN HUMANITY BECAME STRONGLY UNITED
BECAUSE THE REASON FOR CONFLICT WASN'T A MERE WAR
WHAT WE FOUGHT
ゴォ…
WAS A COMMON ENEMY
DON'T YOU THINK SO?

THEN IN A MOUNTAIN AT GINJOU
THE FIRST TIME I FOUND ONE OF THIS
WAS ON AN ABANDONED SHIP NEAR OFF SENDOU
THEN ONE, TWO AT KISHUU
WHAT'S AMAZING IS EVEN THOUGH THEIR FORMS ARE DIFFERENT
THEY ALL BELONG TO THE SAME SPECIES
THE OLDEST ONE WAS FOUND IN A DISTANT COUNTRY, JUST A RED FRAGMENT OF IT
IF IT FULLY REGENE-RATES ITSELF
THEN IT WILL BE A RIDICULOUSLY GIGANTIC LIFEFORM

THUS THIS PLANET BEGAN TO DIE
AND IT SUDDENLY ACCELERATED ABOUT A HUNDRED YEARS AGO
THE MONSTROUS CREATURE SPREAD ITS ROOTS INTO THE EARTH
AND ITS PLANET-EATING CHILDREN BEGAN TO EVOLVE RAPIDLY
THAT'S... WHEN THE WAR...
THAT'S RIGHT!
THE USE OF AMAZU... FOLLOWED BY THE END OF THE WAR...
ALL REPAIRS TO THE WAR RAVAGED PLANET HAVE FINISHED TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO
BUT EVEN NOW, THE OTHER SIDE IS INHABITABLE

I'VE INVESTIGATED INTO IT TOO
BUT ALL INFORMATION ON THAT IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL
I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?
THERE ARE BAD GUYS WHO DON'T WANT US TO LEARN THE TRUTH
WHO ARE THEY? WELL, THEY ARE...
AMAZU

BECAUSE WE TOO
ARE PLANET EATERS!
THE WEAPON THAT KEEPS THE WORLD AS IT IS
WELL IT DID SAVE THE WORLD
BUT WHY?
WHY DID OUR EVO-LUTION HALT?
WHY ARE WE SLOWLY DEGENE-RATING?
THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE

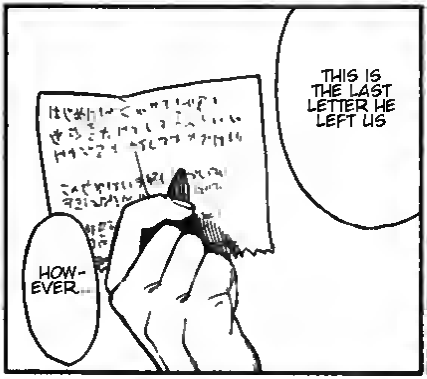
THIS CHILD
THAT IS
AND WHAT'S INTERESTING IS SHORTLY AFTER IT ARRIVED, SO DID SOMETHING ELSE
THAT'S BECAUSE HUMANS EXISTED BEFORE THE FIRST PLANET EATER CAME
AT FIRST, I THOUGHT THAT WE HUMANS DESCENDED FROM PLANET EATERS
BUT WHY WOULD WE CREATE AMAZU TO CUT OFF OUR OWN HEADS THEN?
PERHAPS EXPLORATION... OR COLONISATION...
EITHER WAY, THEY THOUGHT THAT WE, WHO COULDN'T EVOLVE WERE IDEAL FOR THEIR PURPOSES
THEN WHAT ABOUT US!?
WHY DID THEY SEND HER HERE? TO DEFEAT THE PLANET EATERS
I THOUGHT ABOUT IT... THAT SOMEWHERE FAR, FAR AWAY
IS AN INTELLIGENT CIVILISATION FAR MORE ADVANCED THAN US
THEY MAY EVEN HAVE THE SAME FORM
YOU SAW THE PLANET EATER JUST NOW, DIDN'T YOU? THE CHILD HAS THE ABILITY TO DESTROY THEM
SHE IS A HALF-ROBOTIC CREATURE
WHAT WAS SUCH AN ADVANCED MACHINE DOING IN OLD ROCK?
AT THE VERY LEAST, WHAT'S DIFFERENT WAS THAT THEY HAD THE MEANS TO CREATE THINGS SUCH AS THIS GIRL
BUT THE GIRL DID NOT WAKE UP, BECAUSE THE PLANET EATERS ASSIMILATED THEMSELVES WITH HUMANS
AND SO DID THE GIRL
HOWEVER, THE PLANET EATERS ARRIVED
NO!!
DID WE HAPPEN TO BE CREATURES THAT HAD THE SAME FORM AS HER?
THE MAKERS KNEW OF OUR EXISTENCE
THE GIRL WHO CAME TO DEFEAT THE PLANET EATERS DID NOT ACTIVATE... WHILE HUMANS GAINED THE ABILITY TO EVOLVE!

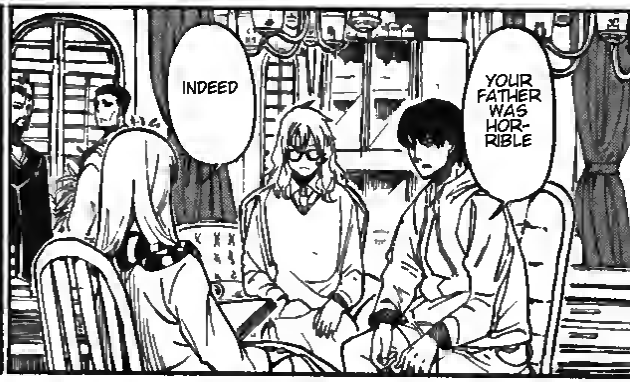
AND BECAUSE WE EVOLVED, WE WON THE WAR!
WHAT'S THE POINT?
SHE DOESN'T HAVE ONE
THE GIRL... WHAT IS HER NAME?
YOU CAN CALL HER "MONSTER" OR SOMETHING
THERE'S NO OTHER SUCH FANTASTIC RESEARCH MATERIAL!

YOU!
WHAT KIND OF FATHER ARE YOU!
WHAT'S THAT? FATHER?

WAIT, KUDOU
フラ…
HOW HAS YOUR BRAIN
BEEN WORKING RECENTLY?
WHAT DO YOU THINK I'VE BEEN EATING ALL THIS TIME?
IT'S UNFORTUNATE... THAT HUMANS DID NOT KNOW
THAT WE TOO HAD TURNED INTO PLANET EATERS

THUS WE INSTALLED FUNCTIONS INTO AMAZU TO DO THAT
IT DOTTED THE WORLD WITH OBSERVATORIES TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON PLANET EATERS
ALTHOUGH THE GIGANTIC PLANET-EATER WAS GONE, ITS SPAWN REMAINED IN DROVES
THEREFORE WE HAD TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THEM
AMAZU THEN DISSEMINATED THINGS THAT SUPPRESSED EVOLUTION
USING THAT AS A BASIS
THE RESULT IS WHAT YOU SEE
BOTH HUMANS AND PLANET EATERS BEGAN TO REGRESS
I'M NOT INTERESTED
THUS THIS MEDI
I DON'T EVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN
GOODBYE
THAT WAS THE LAST TIME I SAW ASAMIYA SOUTAROU


THIS IS THE LAST LETTER HE LEFT US
HOW-EVER...


INDEED
YOUR FATHER WAS HOR-RIBLE

FIRST HALF?
IT'S ONLY THE FIRST HALF

YES...

STR-ANGE!
WHY?
EVEN THOUGH THE DATA ISN'T WRONG...

TWO YEARS LATER...

WHERE IS IT? THE DATA, THE DATA...
AM I MIS-TAKEN? IT CAN'T BE...
AH...!
WA A A A A
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ハア
TO MY DEAR.
パラ
あなた
WHAT'S THIS LETTER?
MIDORI !?
I'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE
You've hit a block in your research haven't you?
No matter how good your brain is, you will have forgotten something. That's why I left this letter behind
To my dear
You must be in a great fix when you read this letter
!!

You always throw them with the others after reading them
OH...
Also, if you're looking for your data it's probably with the other books
When that's done, look inside the fridge
IT'S DONE!
YES YES YES!!!
AH...
I SEE, I SEE
Even if you can calculate it in your head, shouldn't you write it down properly?
カパッ
You haven't opened the fridge for five years have you?
HOW DID YOU KNOW...
ポリポリ
SHUT UP, GEEZ
You can't think properly if you don't eat properly, idiot!!!
I knew it!! If this is still here, that means you haven't been cooking for yourself!!

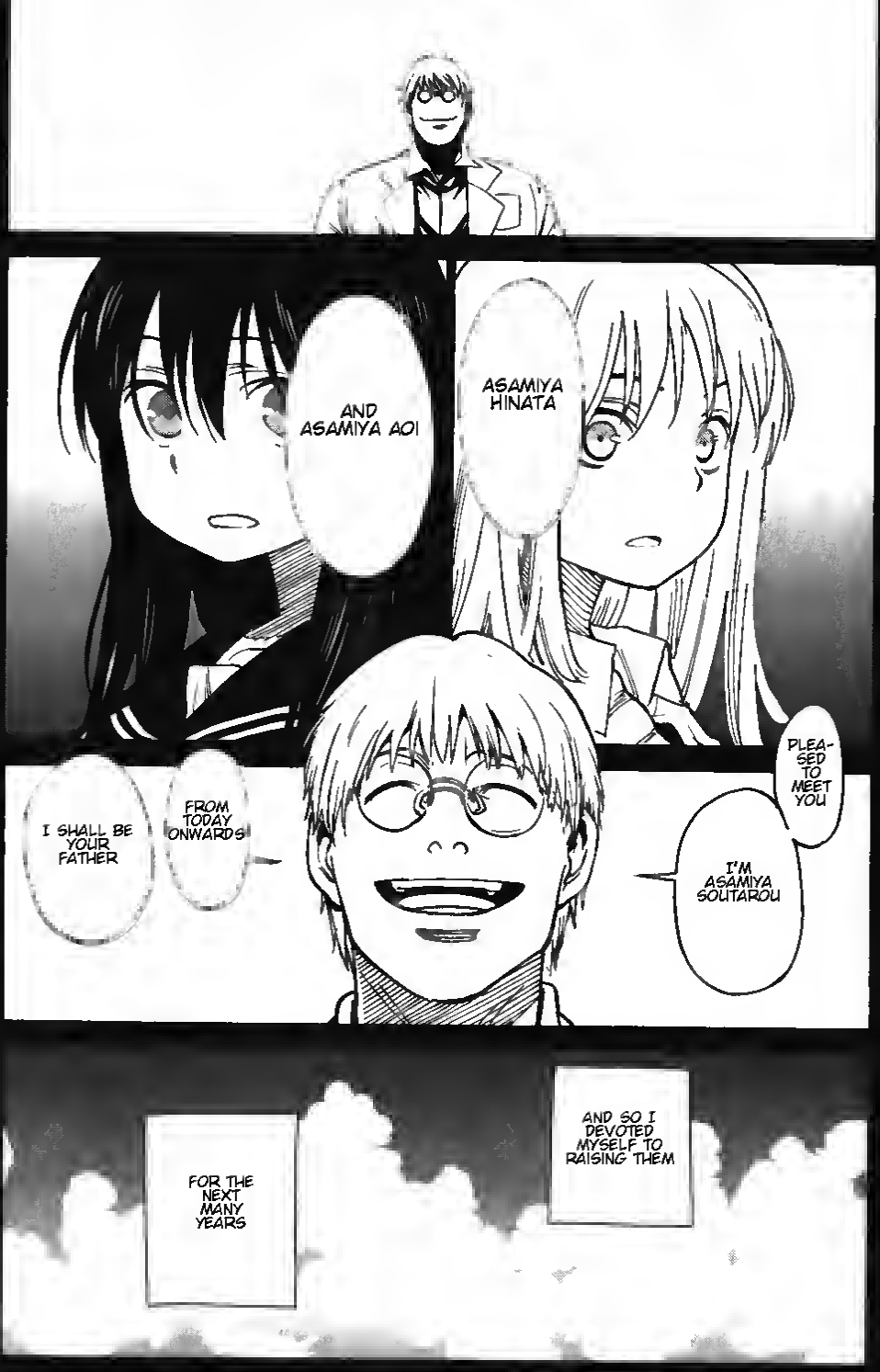
SketchBook
A SKETCHBOOK?
NEXT IS THE INNER CLOSET...
!
If you are untroubled and this book is still shut then I'm glad
When you see this letter
When I decided to walk the same path as you
But I knew this would happen
Sadly, I must have died

WHY DID YOU DIE
IDI -OT
YOU IDIOT!!
WHY
I'm worried because you're not strong
You act childishly, but deep down you are very gentle
You're more timid than others
And get hurt easily
But you're the only person cool enough to seriously try and save the world
I love you dear
And I'm happy to be of even the least help

クシャ…
EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE!
SMARTER THAN ME!
WHY!
MORE...
THERE'S

Hinata and Aoi
I dont know if Ill have given birth to Aoi but
As for the children

Their father
They are proof of the time we spent together so please take care of them
Except for those children
I wont have left anything behind
Because you are
Smile as you always do
Now wipe your tears away


ASAMIYA HINATA
AND ASAMIYA AOI
PLEASED TO MEET YOU
I'M ASAMIYA SOUTAROU
FROM TODAY ONWARDS
I SHALL BE YOUR FATHER
AND SO I DEVOTED MYSELF TO RAISING THEM
FOR THE NEXT MANY YEARS

THAT MIDORI WANTED TO DO AND TELL HER CHILDREN, IN HER SKETCHBOOK
WHILE I LIVED I DID EVERYTHING
I WOULD GO OUT
DO MY RES-EARCH
COME BACK AND PLAY WITH MY GIRLS
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カタ
カタ...
AND THEN
WELL THEN
I'M GOING
カタン
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THE HOUSE

IT'S REVENGE FOR MY WIFE
TERMINAL NUMBER 66
AMAZU'S EMISSARY
THANK YOU FOR COMING...
SORRY, BUT IT'S NOT MEANING-LESS
THEREFORE, IT WILL BE MEANING-LESS FOR YOU TO KILL ME-
I AM BUT ONE OF THE MANY TERMINALS ON THE GROUND
I SHOULD BE THE ONE THANKING YOU, FOR NOT LEADING ME INTO A TRAP

GUAHH!!
66
SO
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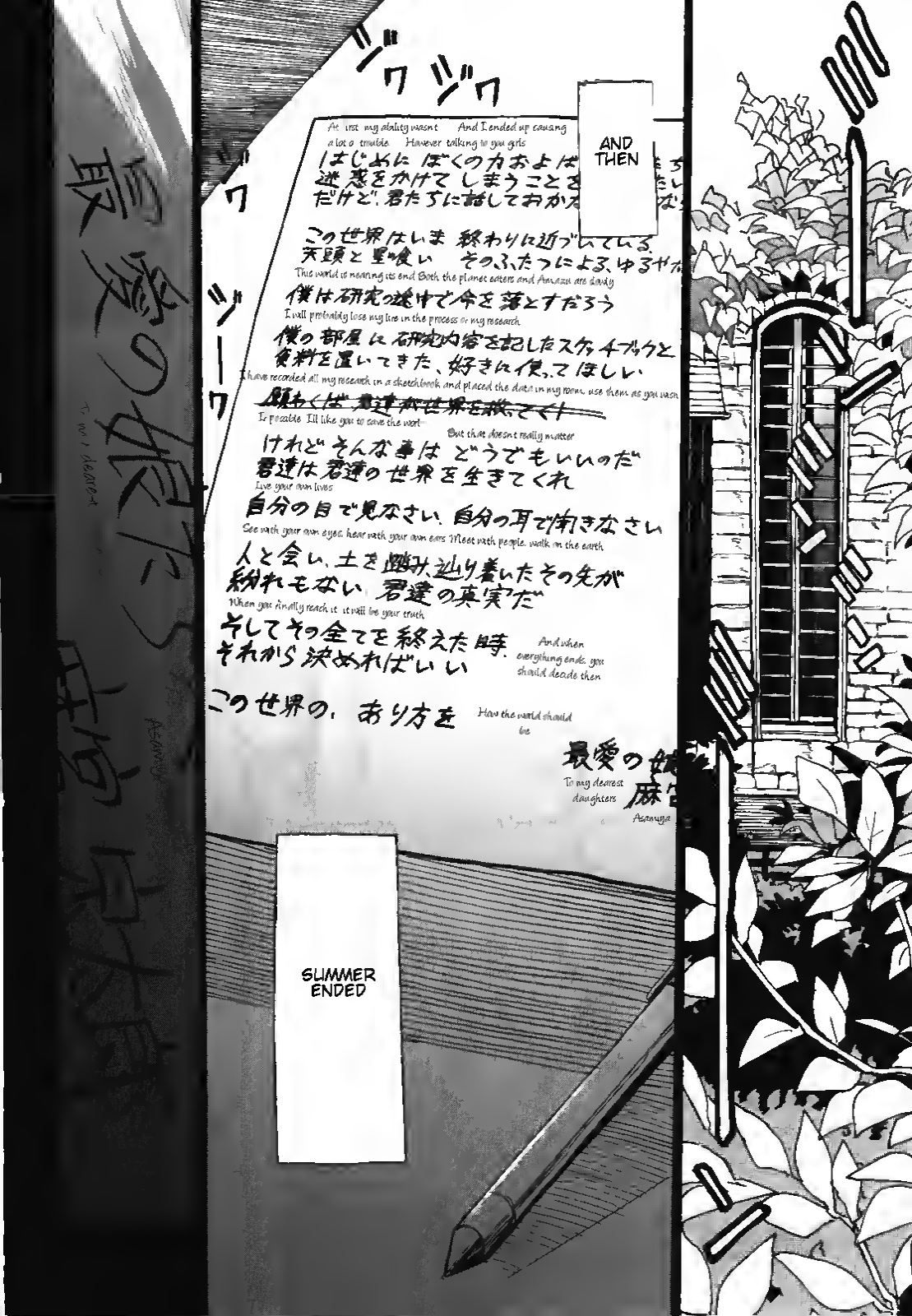
O...
OO...
SO I WILL KILL YOU PAIN-LESSLY
DON'T WORRY, I TOO, HAVE COME FULL CIRCLE
AH, SO YOU FEEL PAIN
AHH, BUT
FOR A LITTLE LONGER
BE WITH MY DAUGH-TERS...
I... WOULD LIKE TO
IF I COULD
SOUTAROUUUUU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AND THEN
At first my ability wasn't a lot o trouble. However talking to you girls
And I ended up causing
はじめに ぼくの力およば
迷惑をかけて しまうことさ
だけど、君たちにおしておかな
この世界はいま 終わりに近づいている
天頂と里喰い そのふたつによる、ゆるやか
This world is nearing its end. Both the planet eaters and Amazu are slowly
僕は研究の途中で命を落とすだろう
I will probably lose my life in the process of my research
僕の部屋に研究内容を記したスケッチブックと
資料を置いてきた、好きに使ってほしい
I have recorded all my research in a sketchbook and placed the data in my room, use them as you wish
願わくば君達が世界を救ってくれ
If possible I'd like you to save the world
But that doesn't really matter
けれどそんな事は どうでもいいのだ
君達は君達の世界を生きてくれ
Live your own lives
自分の目で見なさい、自分の耳で聞きなさい
See with your own eyes, hear with your own ears. Meet with people, walk on the earth
人と会い、土を踏み、辿り着いたその先が
紛れもない 君達の真実だ
When you finally reach it, it will be your truth
そしてその全てを終えた時
それから決めればいい
And when everything ends, you should decide then
この世界の、あり方を
How the world should be
最愛の娘
To my dearest daughters
麻宮
Asamiya
SUMMER ENDED

KURYUU TOKO ROAD
MMM AHH
WONDER WHAT THAT KYOUKO'S DOING
NOT THAT I'M WORRIED, BUT IT'S GETTING DANGEROUS RECENTLY
OH?
KINJOU SOMEWHERE IN
THANK YOU!
KYAA!!
HM?
THAT DAY
THE PEOPLE IN THAT COUNTRY NOTICED SOMETHING STRANGE

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FUOO!?
SEEMS YOUR ARM HAS RECOVERED
YO
THIS
I IIIIII'M
DON'T BE SO NERVOUS
NOT DOING ANY-THING !!
SOUTAROU -SAN
HOW AWKWARD
YOU REALLY DON'T REMEMBER YOUR EARLIEST MOMENTS HUH
A LETTER FROM FATHER
I got it from Yoro-chan

THE FIRST HALF...
MUST BE WITH MY SISTER
AS WELL AS THE RESEARCH...
AND AOI-CHAN NOT REMEMBERING YOUR FIRST MEMORIES...
SURELY...
LOOKING AT THAT LETTER
...
THAT'S WHAT I THINK...
EITHER WAY, THEY BOTH DID IT FOR AOI-CHAN
THIS PLACE IS
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME...
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING, WE'VE ALREADY LONG PASSED THAT
EH... WHAT ABOUT KINJOU?
THIS TRAIN WILL NOW BE CROSSING TO GOVERNMENT-EXCLUSIVE TRACKS

THE HEART OF THE COUNTRY
TENRYOU SHUTEN
Protector of the sky
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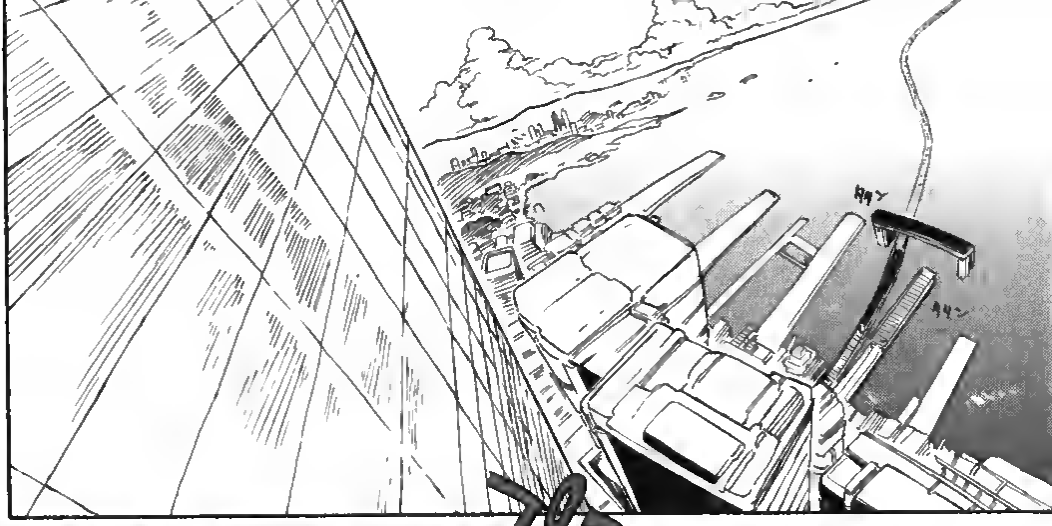

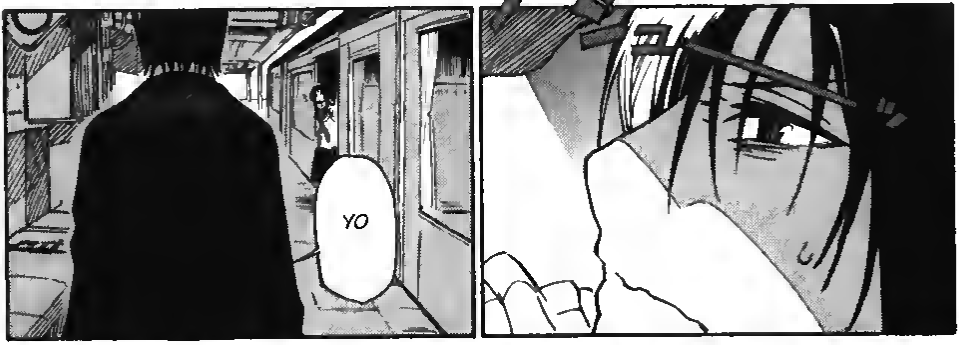
YO

A WEEK SINCE WE LAST MET, SPECIFICALLY
IT'S BEEN A WHILE
KOBARAI-SAN!?

KURYUU... SHICHIDOU-SAN...
I WAS ONE OF THE PEOPLE BY HIS SIDE, DESPITE BEING IN THE ARMY
YOU PLAN TO BE IN THE MEETING AT KURYUU TOMORROW?
THERE I WILL BE GIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO A FEW OF MY SUBORDINATES
INSTRUC-TIONS?
THAT'S RIGHT
YOU KNEW MY FATHER!?
SHICHIDOU
I AM THE COMMANDER OF KURYUU
PLEASED TO MEET YOU
ANYWAY...

AND YOU
WITH REGARDS TO THE SENDOU INCIDENT
WE PLANNED TO IMMEDIATELY GET TICKETS AND ESCORT YOU TO KURYUU...
BUT
THUS IT WAS FORTUNATE THAT YOU RAN INTO KOBARAI-SAN AND THE OTHERS
WITH ASAMIYA HINATA AS A SUSPECT, WE CAN'T GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY

KUDOU...
THAT GUY HAS WORKED WITH THE ARMY AND GAINED OUR INTELLIGENCE
AND ATTACKED KURYUU
HIS GOAL IS TO DESTROY ALL OF GORYOU

I SENT KENZAKI TO CHECK...
AND IT APPEARS THAT KURYUU STILL HAS "RESERVES"
THAT'S...
BUT HE WON'T STOP AT JUST THEIR DESTRUCTION
YES
THAT WEATHER WEAPON
THEREFORE I DON'T THINK KUDOU WILL STOP
HE... MUST BE PLOTTING SOMETHING RIGHT NOW
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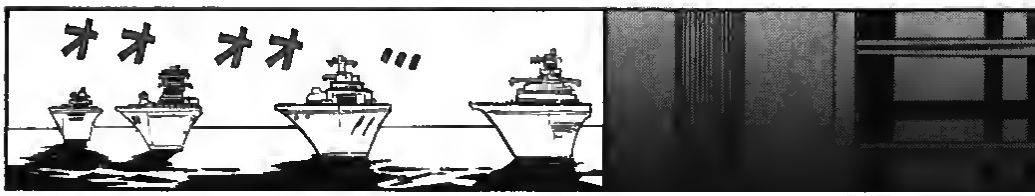
MAY I, YOUR EXCELLENCY
YES
THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO TAKE REVENGE ON THE COUNTRIES OF AMAZU
THE SKY WEAPON THAT SHROUDS THE WORLD IN FEAR!
WE WILL NOW ELIMINATE ITS EXISTENCE!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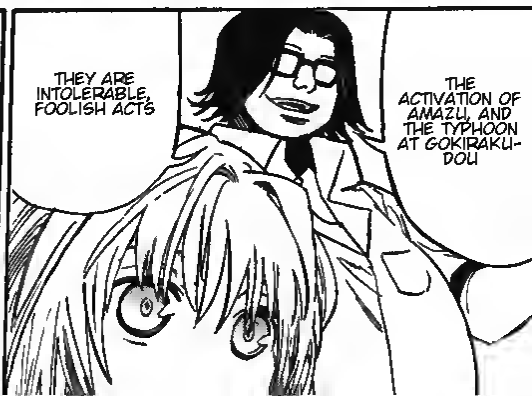
IT WILL BE AN UNDESIRABLE END
AT THIS RATE, THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES, THEN THE WHOLE WORLD WILL BE DRAWN IN


THEY ARE INTOLERABLE, FOOLISH ACTS
THE ACTIVATION OF AMAZU, AND THE TYPHOON AT GOKIRAKUDOU

MY DEAR PEOPLE OF SHIHOU, THIS IS WAR

BETRAYAL!?
THAT'S RIGHT, KUDOU "DIED" SOME TIME AGO IN SHIHOU
SO THIS WAS WHAT HE WAS PLANNING FROM THE VERY BEGINNING
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN FROM NOW
WE DON'T HAVE ANY MORE TIME
I'LL BRING YOU ALL TO OUR SUPERIORS AND EXPLAIN
SOMETHING BIG
IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE WORLD...

OUSHUU-SHIHOU SEA FORTRESS
..HEY, WILL WAR REALLY START?
LOOK AT WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING, ESPECIALLY NOW
THOUGH...
CAN WE REALLY ACTIVATE THIS THING?
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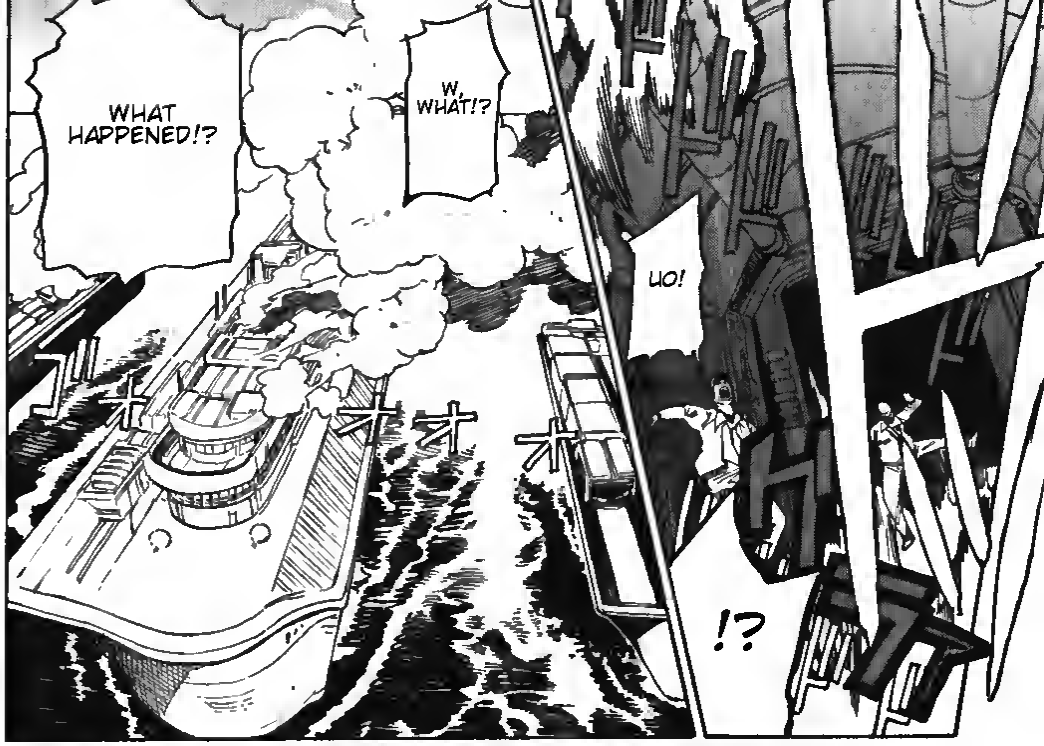
WHAT HAPPENED!?
W, WHAT!?
UO!
!?

AN UNKNOWN MACHINE IS APPROAC-HING!
THE BOTTOM OF THE SHIP HAS BEEN DAMAGED!
AT THIS RATE THE ENEMY WE'RE SEARCHING FOR WILL ESCAPE.. HURRY UP AND DESTROY IT!
SO YOU'VE COME...
AH...

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アアアア

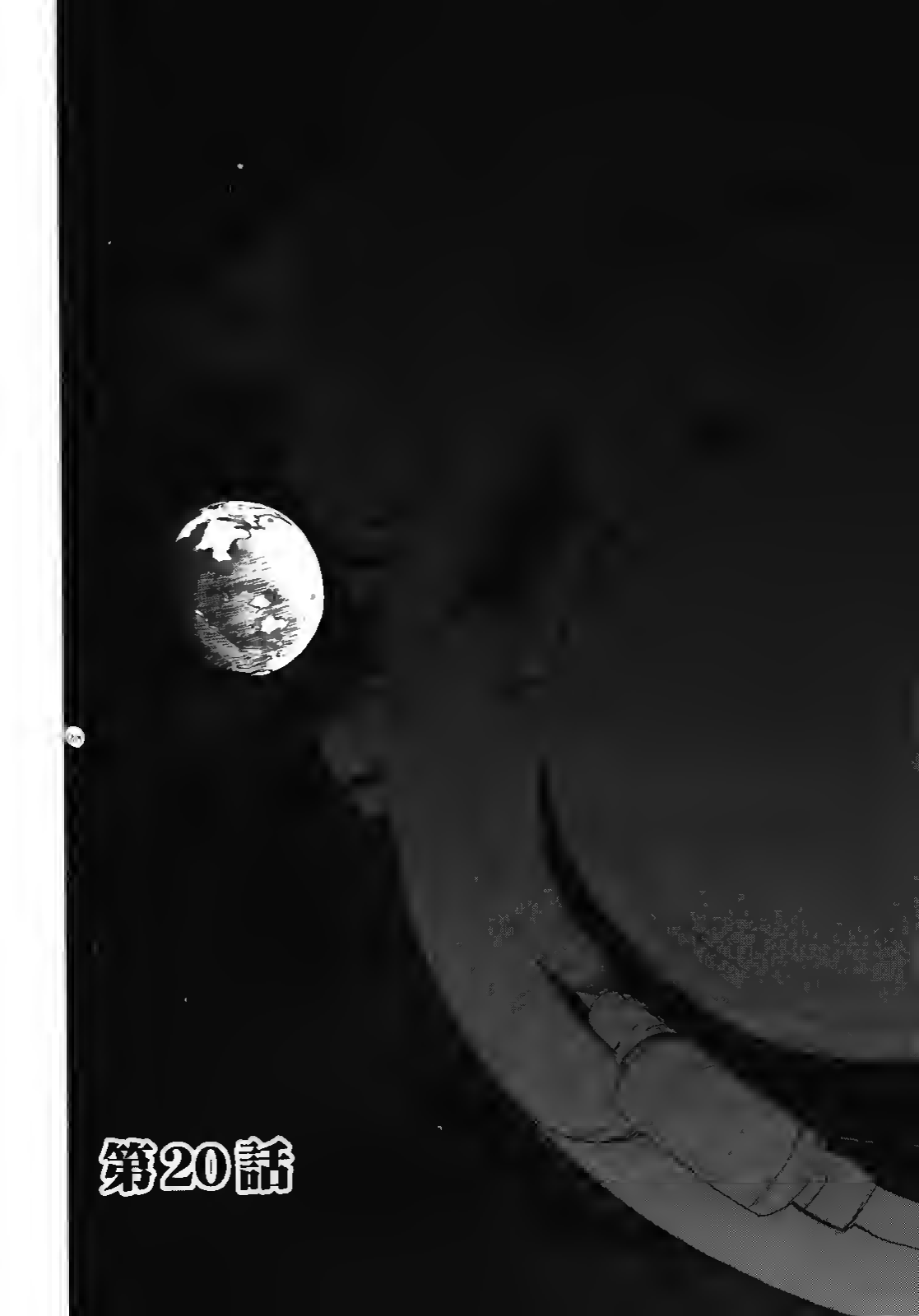
ギリ…
YO
WHY DID YOU COME
TO STOP YOU
WHY, FOR JUSTICE?
TO ENLIST YOUR AID
WHY WOULD I HELP YOU?
YOU'RE THE SAME AS HIM
TRY AND CHANGE THE WORLD? IN THE END HE COULDN'T DO IT BY HIMSELF
TH-AT'S WHY-
YOUR GOAL IS ASAMIYA SOUTAROU

YOU ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME
AREN'T YOU? KUDOU-SAN
BEFORE YOU DIE
THEREFORE... YOU WANT TO QUICKLY SETTLE EVERYTHING
HOWEVER, THE PLANET EATERS' EVOLUTION IS SLOWLY DESTROYING YOUR BODY
YOU TOOK PILLS TO PROTECT YOUR BRAIN, JUST AS FATHER DID
THOSE GLASSES!! THAT ATTITUDE!!
THEY'RE LIKE MY FATHER'S!
TO DESTROY THE CONSTRUCTS SUPPORTING AMAZU AROUND THE WORLD
YOU WILL USE WAR AS A CAMOUFLAGE...

FATHER'S ENEMY, AMAZU!
WANT TO STAB BACK AT
YOU!!
I ADMIT TO DOING MANY BAD THINGS FOR THAT REASON
...THAT'S RIGHT
WHEN I UNDERSTOOD THAT SOUTAROU HAD PROPERLY RAISED HIS CHILDREN
WHEN I MET ASAMIYA AOI
THAT'S WHY...
AND I DIDN'T HAVE THE FACE TO LOOK AT YOU

I... HAD HOPES...
I BELIEVED THAT IF I LABELLED HER AS A WANTED FUGITIVE, THE ARMY WOULD EVENTUALLY FIND HER
AS FOR THE CHILD
THAT SHE WOULD FIND FRIENDS.
AND DO WHAT I COULDN'T... WHAT SOUTAROU COULDN'T DO...
WHAT'S GOING ON?

SHUTEN, OUSHUU
MEAN-WHILE
RELAX
I HAVE NO INTENTIONS TO FIGHT NOW
I HAVE MERELY COME TO DELIVER AMAZU'S MESSAGE
GENTLE-MEN
DESIRE WAR?
DO YOU



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WHY ARE YOU HERE!
WHY...
AS IT [redacted] BEEN FOR YEARS
WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO INTERACT WITH HUMANS
INDEED
THAT WAS OUR AGREEMENT
WE AGREED THAT YOU WOULD NOT APPEAR USING PROJECTION!
YOU ALL HAVE DONE WRONG
HOWEVER

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE PLANET EATERS
TO PROTECT AMAZU TO THIS VERY DAY
THAT'S RIGHT... THAT'S WHY WE CHOOSE LEADERS FOR OUR COUNTRIES
WAS OUR PURPOSE, WAS IT NOT
THAT
AND IT'LL HAVE BEEN BETTER IF YOU'D BEEN MORE OBEDIENT!
THUS WE WISH FOR HUMANITY TO SURVIVE!
THAT'S RIGHT!!

YOUR KINDRED WISHES TO ERADICATE US
BUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED?
AND WHEN WE USED AN AIR WEAPON
KURYUU, WHICH WAS SUPPORTING AMAZU, WAS WRECKED
YOU SUPPRESSED IT, AND PROTECTED THE PLANET EATER
AND THEN A PLOT TO DESTROY US THROUGH WAR!
ASAMIYA AOI
ALSO

!?
I THOUGHT THAT KURYUU'S DAMAGE WAS KUDOU'S WORK...
WHY DO YOU MENTION HER!
WHAT IN THE WORLD...

SHE'S RIGHT THERE
WHO ARE YOU TRYING TO TRICK

THIS IS AMAZU'S ANSWER
IT SEEMS THAT THERE ARE OTHER TRAITORS IN YOUR MIDST TOO
YOU MENTIONED KUDOU...

HIS DAUGHTER, ASAMIYA AOI
THE INFIDEL WITH DANGEROUS THOUGHTS, ASAMIYA SOUTAROU
THOSE RELATED TO THE AFOREMENTIONED INCIDENTS AND THE ARMY WHO HAS ALLOWED THEM TO HAPPEN

AND ELIMINATED
ALL OF THEM WILL BE DEEMED AS ENEMIES

IT'S REALLY A PROJECTION AFTER ALL
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I THOUGHT YOU WERE A SMARTER MAN
FUDOU ...
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HOW CAN I BE THE HEAD IF I LET THAT SLIDE
YOU ACCUSED MY SUBORDINATES AND THREATENED US
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING
VERY WELL
I'LL HAVE TO DESTROY THE COUNTRY
SINCE OUR OPINIONS DIFFER
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THIS IS A DECLARATION OF WAR, AND WE WILL COMMENCE NOW
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WHAT WAS THAT!?
IT'S PROBABLY AMAZU!!
IT'S HIT THE SEA FORTRESS AT THE SOUTH OF OUSHUU!
THAT WAS A GREETING SHOT
NEXT, WE SHALL HIT YOU
SIGHTS LOCKED

TARGET: ALL OF OUSHUU
KYOU -KO...
CHAR- GING COM- PLETE
MAXI- MUM POW- ER
FIRE

WHAT THE...
YOU'RE UNEXPECTEDLY NAIVE, AMAZU-SAN
YOU SHOULD HAVE PAID A LITTLE MORE ATTENTION

KUDOU!
WHA...
NEE-SAN...
I...
HAVE FAILED TOO DRASTICALLY IN FINDING A COUNTERMEASURE FOR YOU
THE LAST TIME YOU PURSUED ME
I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO SACRIFICE SENDOU JUST TO TRY AND KILL ME
I WON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE
WE'VE FOUND A TECHNIQUE TO SEAL YOU WHICH YOU HAVEN'T DISCOVERED

WE WILL NOT BEND TO YOU
WHAT'S WITH THAT KID
WHO KNOWS ...
WIN AND LOSE... IT WASN'T ABOUT THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE
DO YOU THINK YOU'VE WON?
WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO AFTER THAT
THERE IS NO FUTURE FOR HUMANITY
EVEN IF YOU DESTROY AMAZU

THE PLANET EATERS WILL EVOLVE RAPIDLY
YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU?
BY THE TIME YOU BUILD SOMETHING MORE ADVANCED THAN AMAZU
THEY WILL HAVE DEVELOPED RESISTANCES
GET IT?
THIS IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU SUPPRESS US AMAZU
SHUT UP
THE CURRENT YOU, WHO CAN'T EVOLVE, WILL SLOWLY DIE
WHICHEVER PATH YOU TAKE, YOU WILL DIE
IF YOU OBTAIN EVOLUTION, YOU WILL BE ANNIHILATED IN AN INSTANT
WHEN WE ARE GONE
WILL CONSUME ALL OF THIS PLANET
THE RESTRAINED PLANET EATERS WILL EVOLVE EXPLOSIVELY
ALL THE REMNANTS OF THE PLANET EATERS WHICH THE HUMANS LEFT BEHIND

EVEN SO, IT IS US HUMANS WHO CHOOSE TO FIGHT
THERE ARE MANY THINGS I WANT
I SUPPORT THEM
AND I LIVE FOR THOSE THINGS
OUSHUU
THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO LEAVE FROM THE HANDS OF OUR ANCESTORS
SO STOP TALKING LIKE A MACHINE
I'LL KILL YOU, THEN TAKE MY TIME TO CLAIM OUSHUU

NOW IS THE TIME FOR HUMANS TO STAND UP IN INDEPENDENCE
OUR WILL STILL REMAINS
AND WE LIVE DESIRING TO ADVANCE
EVEN IF WE CAN'T EVOLVE

PROCEED?
SYSTEM CON-STRUCTED
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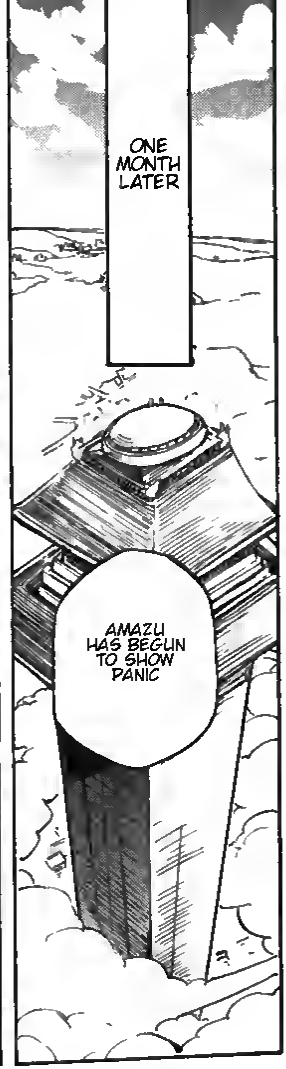
YOU
THANK YOU, NORO-CHAN

WITH THIS, AMAZU SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTACK FOR ABOUT EIGHTEEN MONTHS
LEADERS OF KINJOU AND GIDAN, AND EVERYONE... I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE
OH STOP IT, HINATA, YOU'RE MAKING ME BLUSH
WE DID WHAT WE COULD AS LEADERS
YOU TOO, KUDOU-SAN...
YOU ALL DID IT
I DID NOTHING
IF ANY-THING...

WE... HAVE THINGS WHICH AMAZU FEAR
IMMEDIATELY, WE FOUND SOME GOOD EVIDENCE


ONE MONTH LATER
AMAZU HAS BEGUN TO SHOW PANIC

THAT'S SOUTAROU AND ASAMIYA AOI

SOME-THING NOT HUMAN
AN OUT-SIDE POWER
THAT IS AMAZU'S WEAKNESS
THAT'S RIGHT

THERE IS ONE WAY
FOR US TO AMAZU AND HAVE A FUTURE
AND TO DO THAT, WE GO TO SPACE
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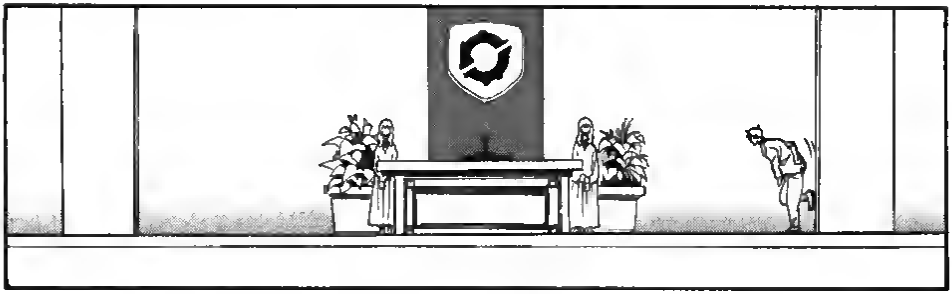
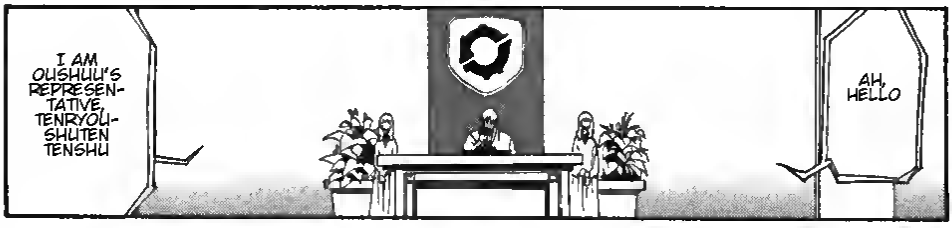
WE CAN BOTH AMAZU
THE CAPSULE THAT SOUTAROU PRESERVED, AND THE TECHNIQUE ASAMIYA HINATA USED
USING THOSE TWO
THEN...
WE'LL RECONSTRUCT A NEW NETWORK
THIS GIRL, NORO
HAS BEEN TRAVELLING WITH ME
SHE IS ANOTHER POSSIBILITY FOR HUMANS
HER NATURE IS CLOSER TO THE PLANET EATERS' THAN HUMANS'
SHE HAS EVOLVED TO FREELY OPERATE MACHINES...
IT IS EVEN POSSIBLE THAT SHE CAN SUPPRESS THE PLANET EATERS' EVOLUTION WHILE PRESERVING HUMANITY'S
NORO CAN'T DECIPHER THE CURRENT NETWORK
BUT IF WE CAN MATCH AMAZU'S PREDICTION ABILITY...
I'LL BET ON THAT
WHETHER WE WILL BE CONSUMED BY EVOLUTION, OR CONTROL IT AND SURVIVE

WE ARE NOT MEANT TO LIVE LIKE PETS IN A GARDEN
THIS MAY BE THE ONLY FLICKERING HOPE WE HAVE
EVEN FOR THE PAST CENTURIES, HAVE BEEN FORCED TO "LIVE"
HUMANS FOR THE PAST DECADES
WHETHER WE WIN OR LOSE... AFTER THIS WAR
EVOLUTION AWAITS
SIX MONTHS LATER
END





You've said that many times

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IT HAS BEEN HALF A YEAR
THE COUNTRY IS IN A HUGE STIR

THE DISCLOSURE OF SHIHOU'S REPORTS WERE HUGE
NOT JUST THAT
RESTORATION RATE OF OUSHUU IS CURRENTLY AT THIRTY PERCENT
IT'S UNBELIEVEABLE IN JUST A YEAR
AH, SPEAKING OF WHICH, AOI-CHAN...
THAT GIRL IS CURR-ENTLY...
WE OWE IT TO THAT GIRL'S POWER MORE THAN ANYTHING
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HEY
YES?
WERE YOU LONELY... WHILE I WAS AWAY?
...
YES

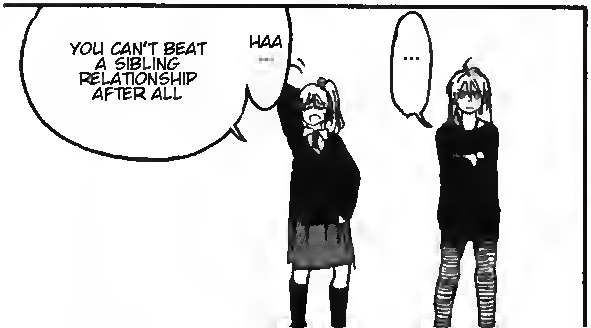
I TORE THE LETTER IN HALF OUT OF EGO
...
...YOU MAY NEVER RETURN
EVEN SO
YOU'LL BE GOING TO SPACE SOON
...YES
IF ONLY...

BUT
IT ISN'T SOMETHING I CAN DO ALONE

IF ONLY I HAD...

THEY MAKE UP FOR WHAT I CANNOT DO
AND WE ACCOMPLISHED EVEN GREATER THINGS
EVERYONE IS DIFFERENT

FATHER... TOO...


YOU CAN'T BEAT A SIBLING RELATIONSHIP AFTER ALL
HAA...
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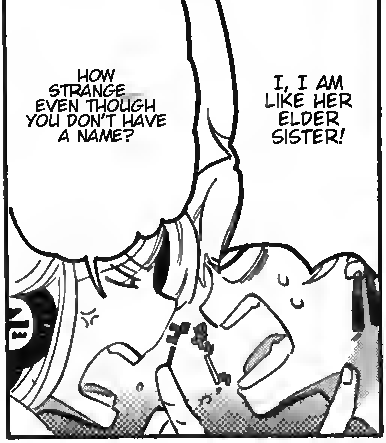
HOW STRANGE EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T HAVE A NAME?
I, I AM LIKE HER ELDER SISTER!

SENDOU'S LEADER, MITSUKI
AND WHO ARE YOU, YOU SEEM WAY TOO FAMILIAR WITH HER
UWAH!!
WHO ARE YOU!?
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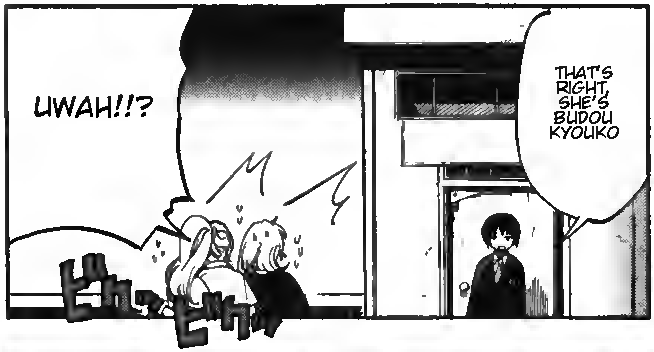
UWAH!!?
THAT'S RIGHT, SHE'S BUDOU KYOUKO
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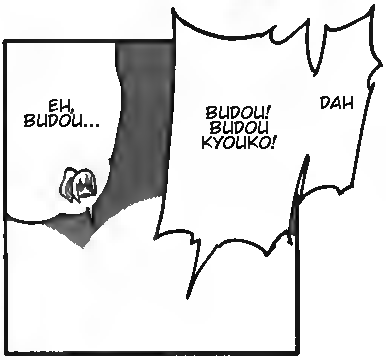
EH, BUDOU...
BUDOU! BUDOU KYOUKO!
DAH

I THOUGHT I'D SEEN YOU SOMEWHERE BEFORE WHEN WE FIRST MET AT THE SEA
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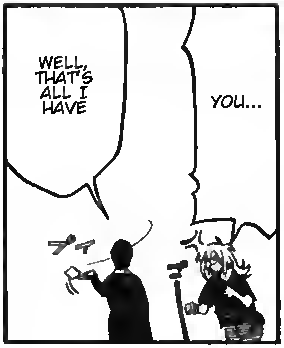
GENERAL BUDOU'S GRAND-DAUGHTER, THOUGH YOU CAN'T TELL FROM LOOKING AT THIS


WELL, THAT'S ALL I HAVE
YOU...
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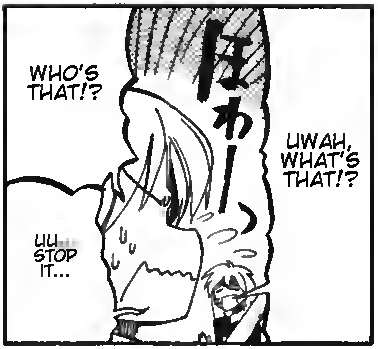
WHO'S THAT!?
UWAH, WHAT'S THAT!?
UU... STOP IT...
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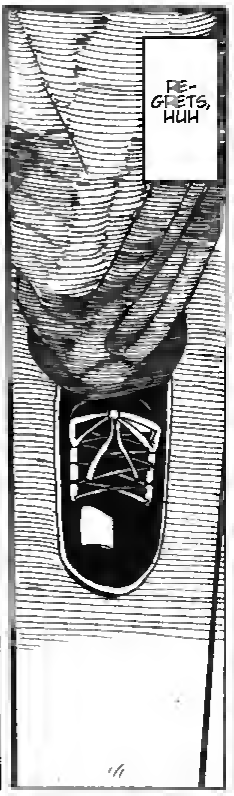
TO HAVE ANY REGRETS
YOU DON'T WANT YOU OR HER TO HAVE ANY LINGERING THOUGHTS, RIGHT?

TO THAT CHILD?
WHAT ARE YOU


RE-GRETS, HUH

WHEN YOU MEET HER SOME-DAY
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF MY GIRL

SOME-THING TO PROTECT YOUR BRAIN
THIS IS

IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT
GORYOU KISHUU
AND? WHAT HAPPENED
WHAT?...YES, I GOT IT
YES... LET'S DO THAT
IT MAY JUST BE THE MOST BASIC FUNCTIONS...
SO IT'S COME TO THIS...
IT'S ONLY A MINOR FLUCTUATION
BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT'LL HAPPEN HALF A YEAR FROM NOW

WHAT
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I'M GOING OFF TO A MEETING
TAKE A BREAK!
AH EVERY-ONE!
AMAZU HAS BEGUN MOVING AGAIN!?
FROM A YEAR TO HALF
WE HAVE TO HASTEN OUR PLAN

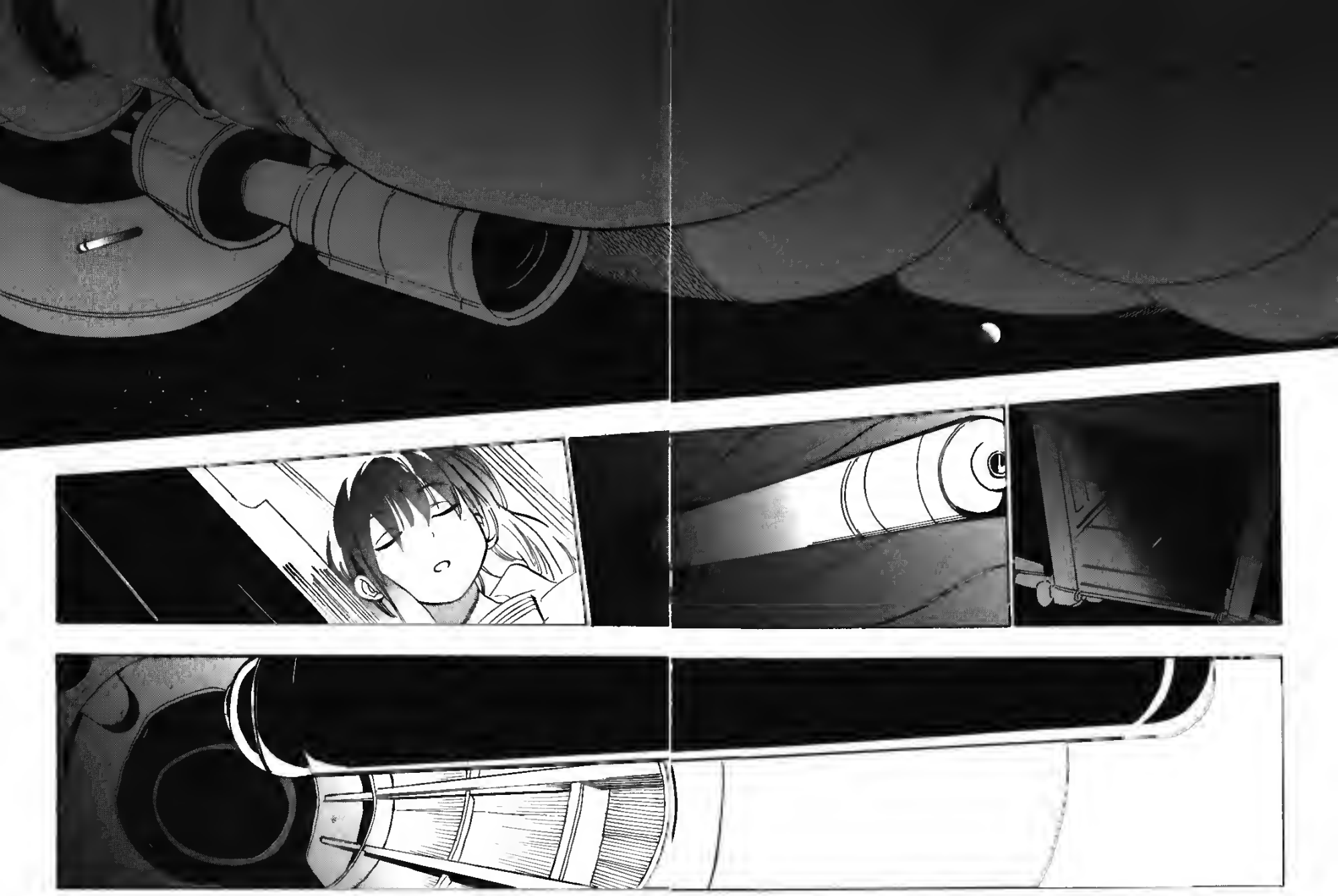
CHANGING A PLAN THAT CONCERNED THE WHOLE WORLD
IT WASN'T AN EASY TASK
DOING EVERYTHING IN HALF A YEAR
BUT
THAT WAS WHAT EVERYONE THOUGHT
IT PASSED FASTER THAN A BLINK OF THE EYE
THEY WANTED TO PROTECT EVERYTHING AROUND THEM

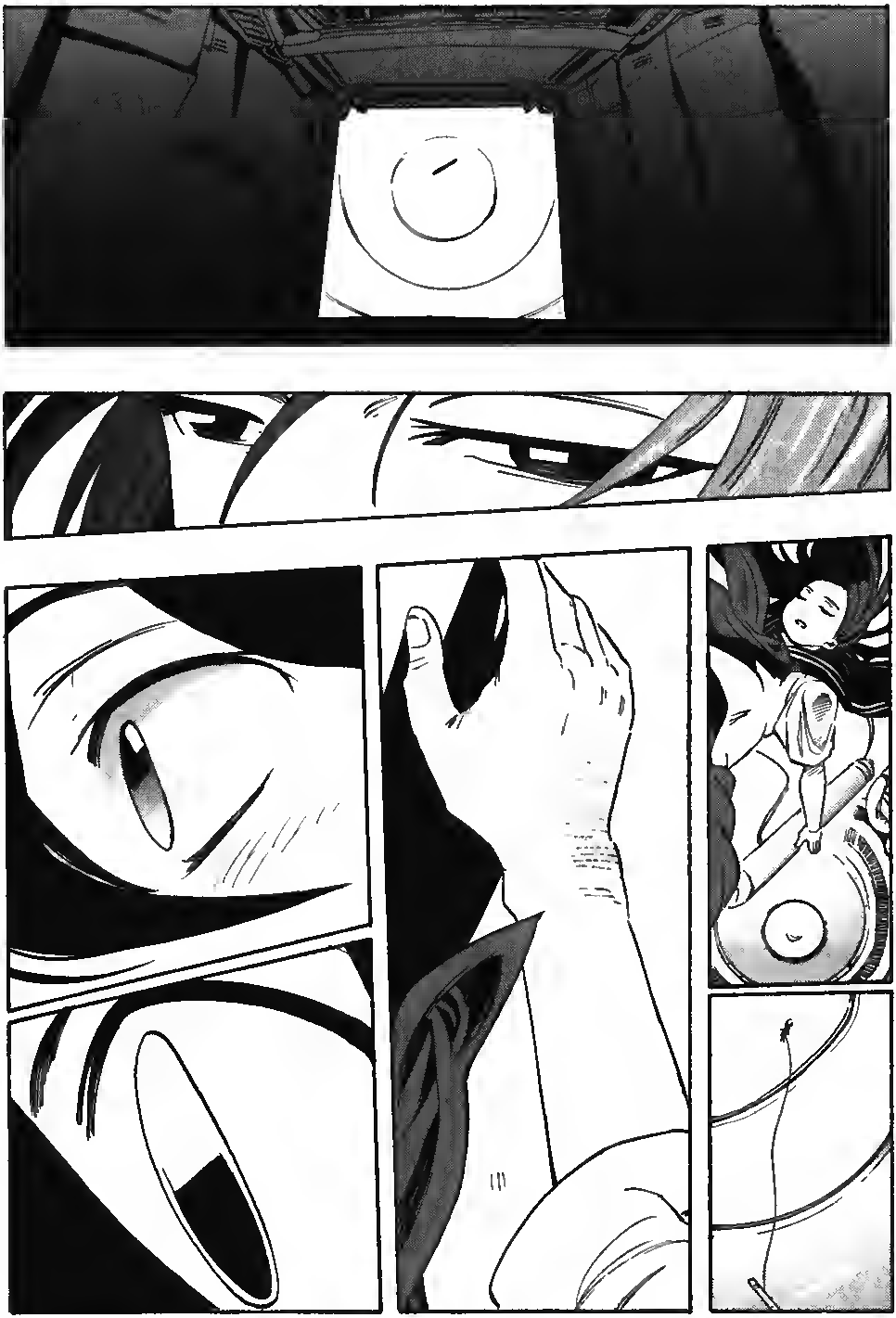
I'M FINE EVEN IN SPACE
YES
IS JUST THAT SUFFI-CIENT?
CLO-THES...
IT'S TIME...
KUDOU-SAN...
IT'S YOURS

ERM... THIS
SketchBook
PLEASE LOOK AT IT WHEN I'M GONE
ERM.. OK

A WARNING...
WHEN YOU ENTER THIS CAPSULE, YOU WILL ENTER A HIBERNATION-LIKE MODE
THEREFORE WHEN YOU WAKE UP, YOU'LL SUDDENLY FIND YOURSELF IN SPACE
OK

WELL THEN
I'M OFF





YOU'VE COME
YES

SUCH EMBAR-ASSING FOOLISH-NESS
THEY'RE PUTTING THEIR HOPES ON SUCH A THING
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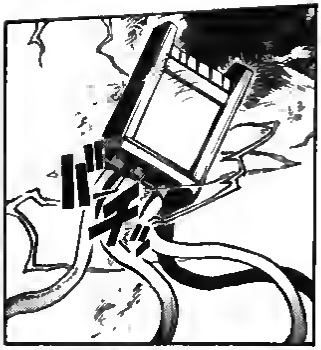
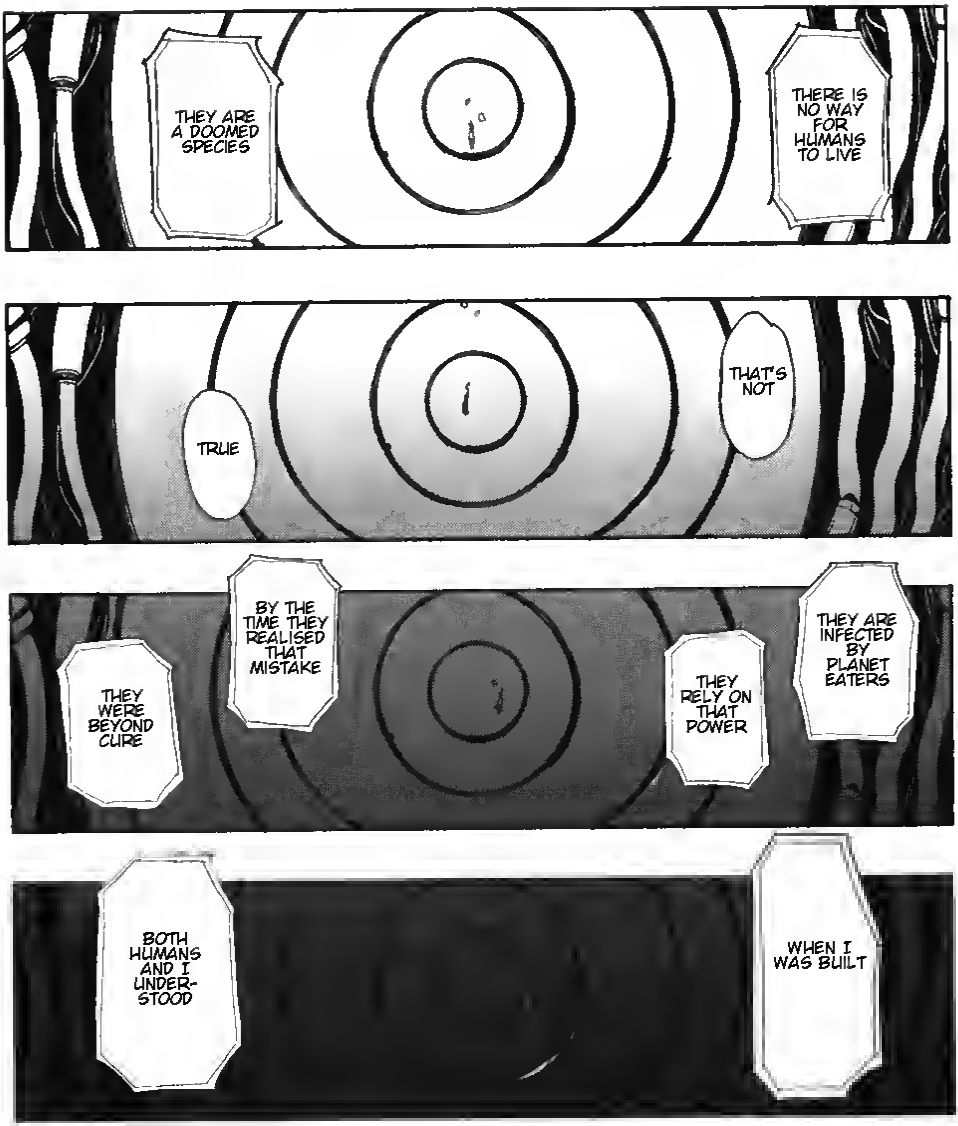
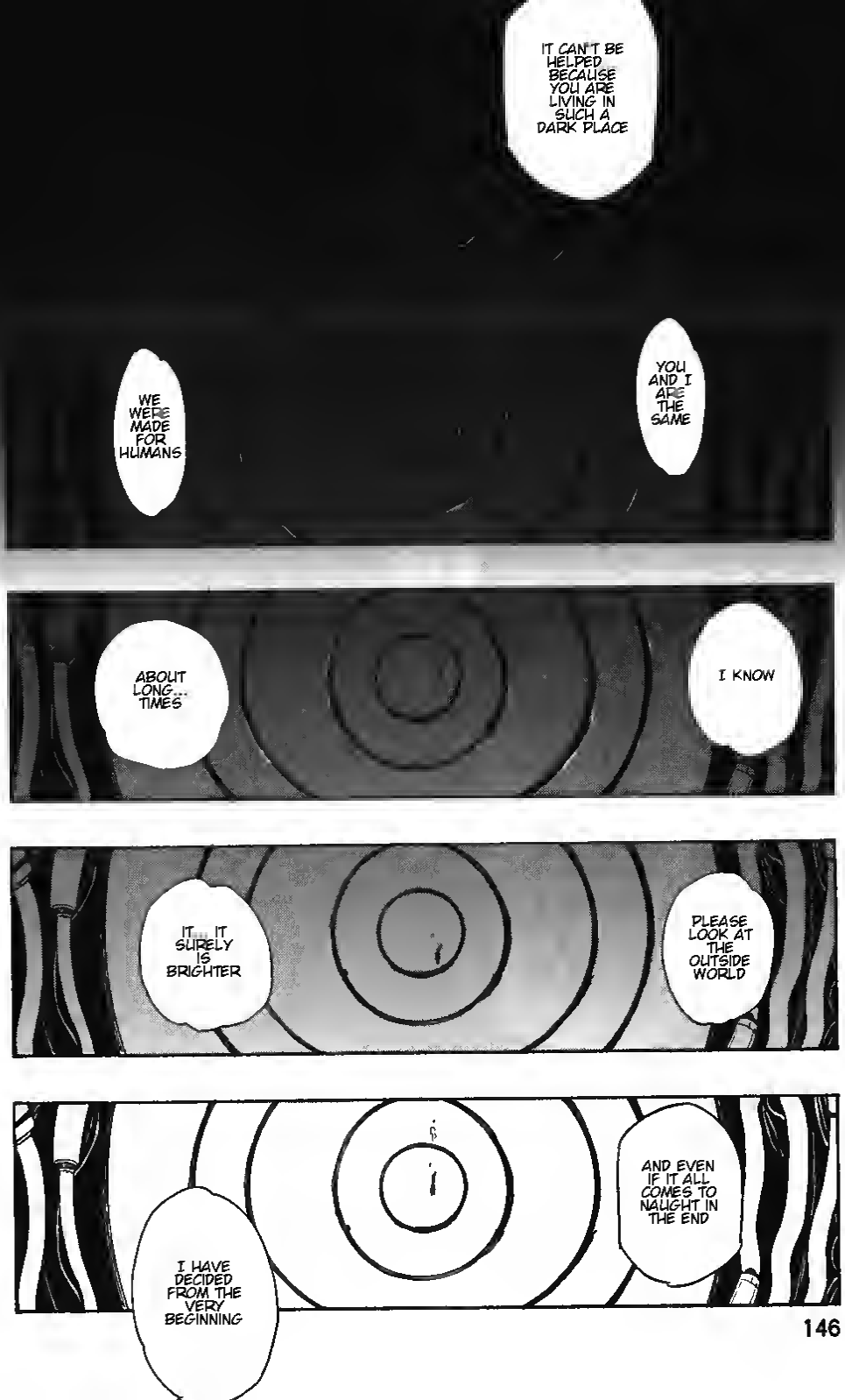



THEY ARE A DOOMED SPECIES
THERE IS NO WAY FOR HUMANS TO LIVE
TRUE
THAT'S NOT
THEY WERE BEYOND CURE
BY THE TIME THEY REALISED THAT MISTAKE
THEY RELY ON THAT POWER
THEY ARE INFECTED BY PLANET EATERS
BOTH HUMANS AND I UNDER-STOOD
WHEN I WAS BUILT

AS TIME GOES BY
JUST AS WATER ERODES ROCK
IT IS IN EVERY PROPHECY, EVERY PREDICTION
SO TOO WILL HUMANS FADE AWAY
WHY DO THEY NOT UNDERSTAND IT. THEY ARE BEYOND HOPELESS
THAT'S
NOT TRUE


IT CAN'T BE HELPED BECAUSE YOU ARE LIVING IN SUCH A DARK PLACE
YOU AND I ARE THE SAME
WE WERE MADE FOR HUMANS
I KNOW
ABOUT LONG... TIMES
PLEASE LOOK AT THE OUTSIDE WORLD
IT... IT SURELY IS BRIGHTER
AND EVEN IF IT ALL COMES TO NAUGHT IN THE END
I HAVE DECIDED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING

I WILL REPLACE YOU AS THE NETWORK
THAT IS MY ANSWER
MY JOURNEY'S ANSWER
I WILL TAKE CARE OF THE REST
SO PLEASE...

SLEEP

APOLOGIES IF THERE HAS BEEN CONFUSION DUE TO THE TRANSLATIONS. IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE STORY SO FAR, THIS IS WHAT I THINK HAPPENED CHRONOLOGICALLY.

-PLANET EATERS DESCENDED ON EARTH. A HIGHLY ADVANCED CIVILISATION SENDS A CYBORG (AOD) TO DEFEAT THEM. FOR PURPOSES UNKNOWN THEY MODELLED AOI AFTER THE HUMANS ALREADY EXISTING ON THE PLANET.

-HOWEVER THE PLANET EATERS AVOIDED AOI BY ASSIMILATING WITH HUMANS. AOI DID NOT WAKE UP AND WAS BURIED UNDER ROCK OVER TIME, WHILE HUMANS GAINED THE POWER OF EVOLUTION.

-FAST FORWARD TO THE "WAR", A HUGE PLANET EATER LANDED ON EARTH AND SPAWNED LESSER EATERS. HUMANITY UNITED TO FIGHT THEM.

-ULTIMATELY HUMANS WON BY CONSTRUCTING AMAZU, A SATELLITE SUPERWEAPON WHICH BLEW UP THE PARENT EATER. HOWEVER TOO MANY CHILDREN EATERS REMAINED. HUMANITY DEVELOPED AN EVOLUTION SUPPRESSOR AND SEEDED THEM AROUND, USING AMAZU TO CONTROL THEM.

-HOWEVER HUMANITY DID NOT KNOW THEY WERE PART PLANET EATER AND WERE SUPPRESSING THEIR OWN EVOLUTION. EVENTUALLY THEIR INTELLIGENCE DEGRADE. NOTICE THE "LEADERS" WITH SUPERHUMAN ABILITIES ARE ALL YOUNG (MITSUKI MENTIONS AGING AND STEPPING DOWN).

-AMAZU REQUIRES MAINTENANCE FROM BELOW. GORYOU ARE THE FIVE COUNTRIES THAT SUPPORT AMAZU, SUCH AS KURYUU. AMAZU STARTED CONTROLLING HUMANITY. IT ALSO SENDS AGENTS (TERMINALS) TO TERRORIZE THEM. HUMANITY REGRESSED.

-ASAMIYA SOUTAROU LOOKS FOR WAYS TO COUNTER AMAZU. HE EATS PILLS, POSSIBLY PLANET EATER BITS, TO PROTECT HIS BRAIN. AN AMAZU AGENT KILLS HIS WIFE MIDORI.

-SOUTAROU FINDS AOI AND USES HER TO BEAT SEVERAL PLANET EATERS. AFTER FINDING MIDORI'S LETTERS HE CHANGES AND ADOPTS HER, NAMING HER 'AOI' AFTER HIS UNBORN SECOND DAUGHTER. HE TAKES CARE OF THEM UNTIL HIS RECKONING.

-ASAMIYA HINATA GROWS UP AND LEAVES WITH HER FATHER'S WORK, LEAVING AOI THE SKETCHBOOK AND HALF THE LETTER.

-KUDOU ALSO MOVES AGAINST AMAZU, EATING SIMILAR PILLS. THEY HAVE A MUCH MORE NOTICEABLE EFFECT ON HIS BODY. HE MANIPULATES PEOPLE AND DESTROYS THE STRUCTURES SUPPORTING AMAZU, WHEREAS HINATA LOOKS FOR A WAY TO DIRECTLY FIGHT AMAZU.

-AMAZU BLOWS SENDOU UP IN AN ATTEMPT TO KILL HINATA.

-KUDOU'S WRECKS KURYUU AND ABDUCTS AOI. WHEN AOI ESCAPES, HE PINS THE BLAME ON AOI, HOPING TO FIND HER AGAIN. HE ALSO MANIPULATES SHIHOU, ANOTHER COUNTRY, TO WAR AGAINST OTHERS.

-AMAZU USES A WEATHER WEAPON IN KURYUU TO DESTROY A PLANET EATER UNDER GOKIRAKUDOU. HOWEVER MITSUKI AND AOI BEAT THE WEAPON BACK.

-KUDOU AND SHIHOU DECLARE WAR, BUT HINATA STOPS THEM, ASKING KUDOU FOR HELP. THREATENED, AMAZU APPEARS AND DECLARES WAR ITSELF, THEN STARTS TO BLOW UP EVERYTHING, BUT HINATA AND KUDOU'S TEAM SHUT IT DOWN TEMPORARILY.

-HUMANS LACK THE ABILITY TO REPLACE AMAZU DUE TO THEIR REGRESSION, PLUS IF THEY SHUT AMAZU DOWN, THE REMAININGS EATERS WILL AWAKEN AND EVOLVE BEYOND CONTROL. PLAN IS TO SEND AOI (MAYBE NORO) INTO SPACE AND REPLACE AMAZU. AMAZU FEARS AOI BECAUSE SHE IS AN OUTSIDE POWER THAT CAN THREATEN IT.

THAT'S WHAT I THINK HAPPENED, HOPEFULLY IT CLEARS SOME THINGS UP

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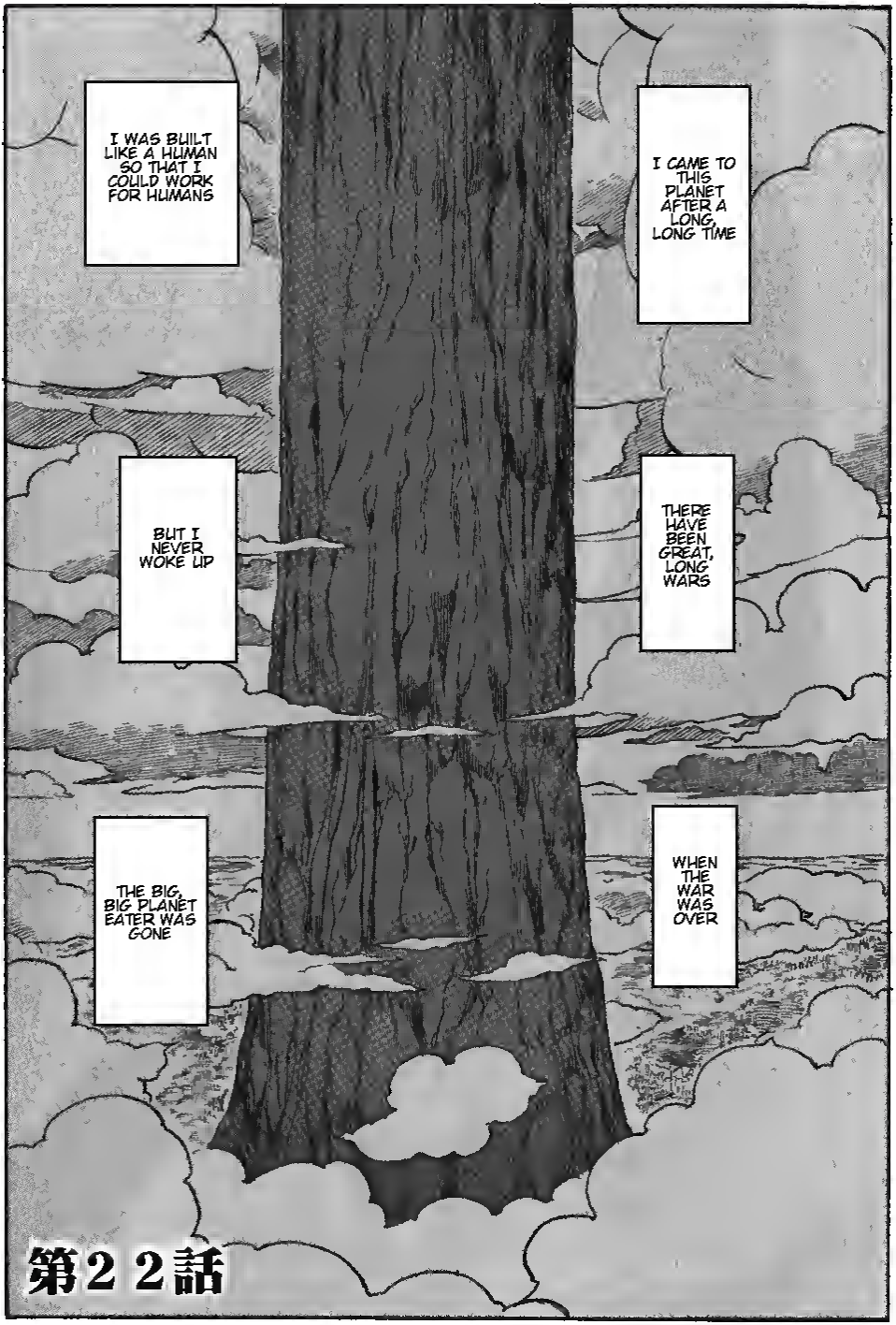
I WAS BUILT LIKE A HUMAN SO THAT I COULD WORK FOR HUMANS
I CAME TO THIS PLANET AFTER A LONG, LONG TIME
BUT I NEVER WOKE UP
THERE HAVE BEEN GREAT, LONG WARS
THE BIG, BIG PLANET EATER WAS GONE
WHEN THE WAR WAS OVER
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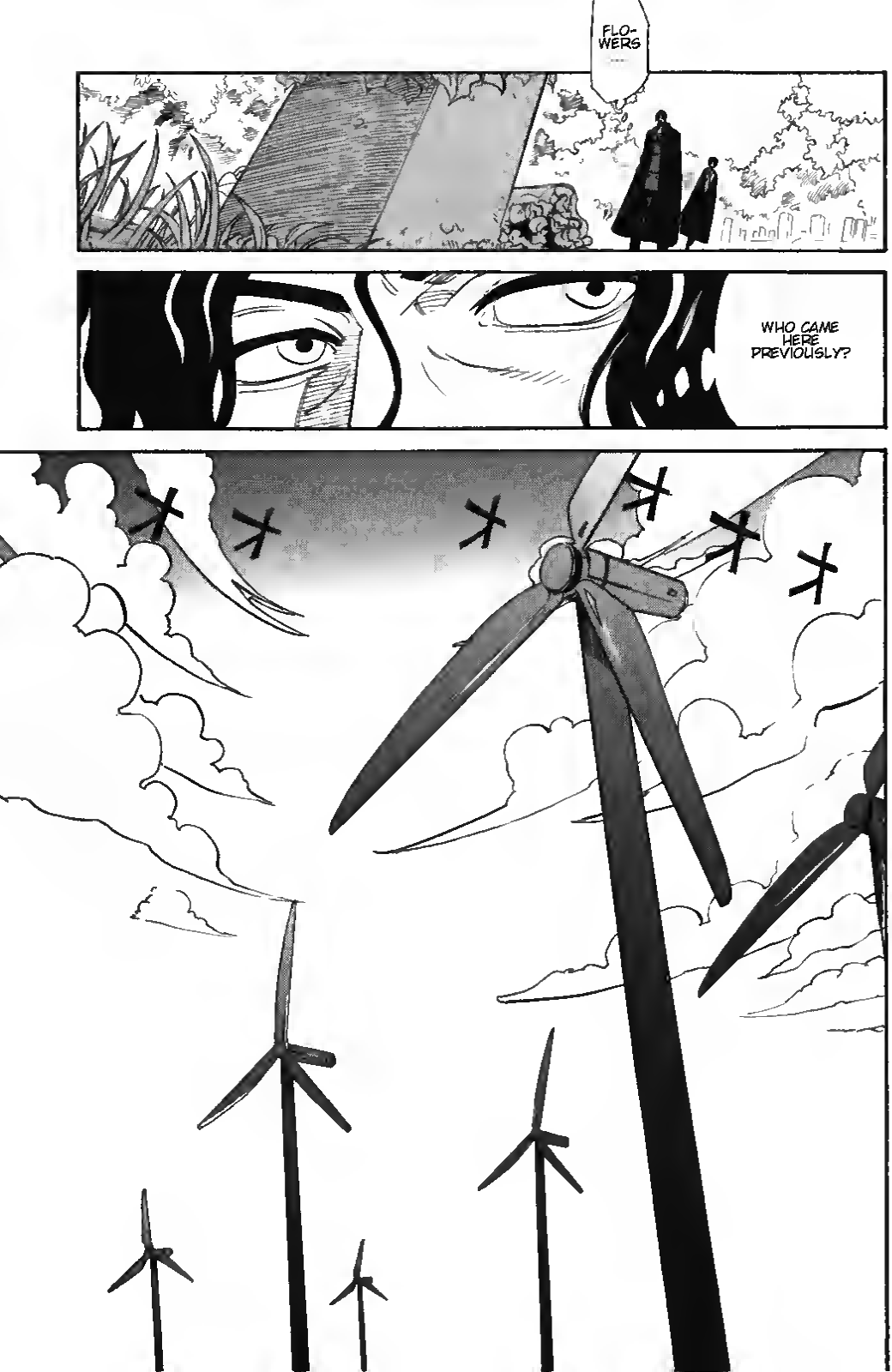
Asamiya Family grave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WERS
WHO CAME
HERE
PREVIOUSLY?

ANALYSIS COMPLETE
AUTO SLEEP ENDING
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TWO YEARS ...
HAVE PASS-ED

ONLY THE LAST BIG TASK IS LEFT
TO CONSTRUCT A NETWORK THAT REPLACES AMAZU
AND ALLOWS CIVILISATION BELOW TO DEVELOP
IT MAY TAKE DECADES... CENTURIES...
IT'S OVER...
EVERY-ONE...
I'LL DO IT
BUT
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I WON'T LET YOU
HI
HI
HI
HIHI
HI
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HI
HI
HI
ASA-
MIYA
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TERMINAL NUMBER 89
AH?
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU IF YOU LAY YOUR HANDS ON AOI-CHAN
I WON'T LET YOU INTER-FERE
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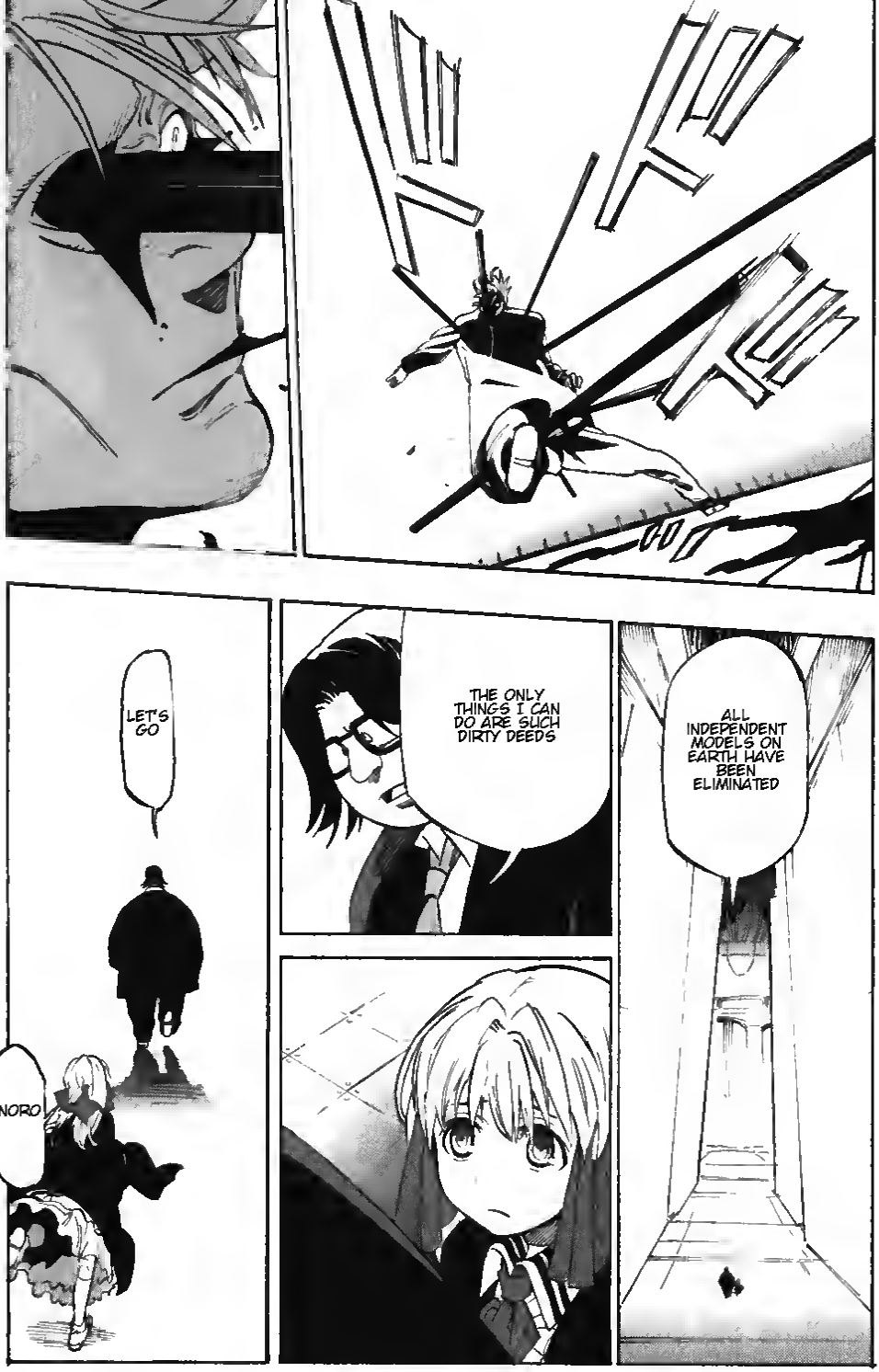
LET'S GO
NORO
THE ONLY THINGS I CAN DO ARE SUCH DIRTY DEEDS
ALL INDEPENDENT MODELS ON EARTH HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED

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GOOD BYE
接続完了
カッ
I'M GOING FIRST
ASAMIYA AOI...

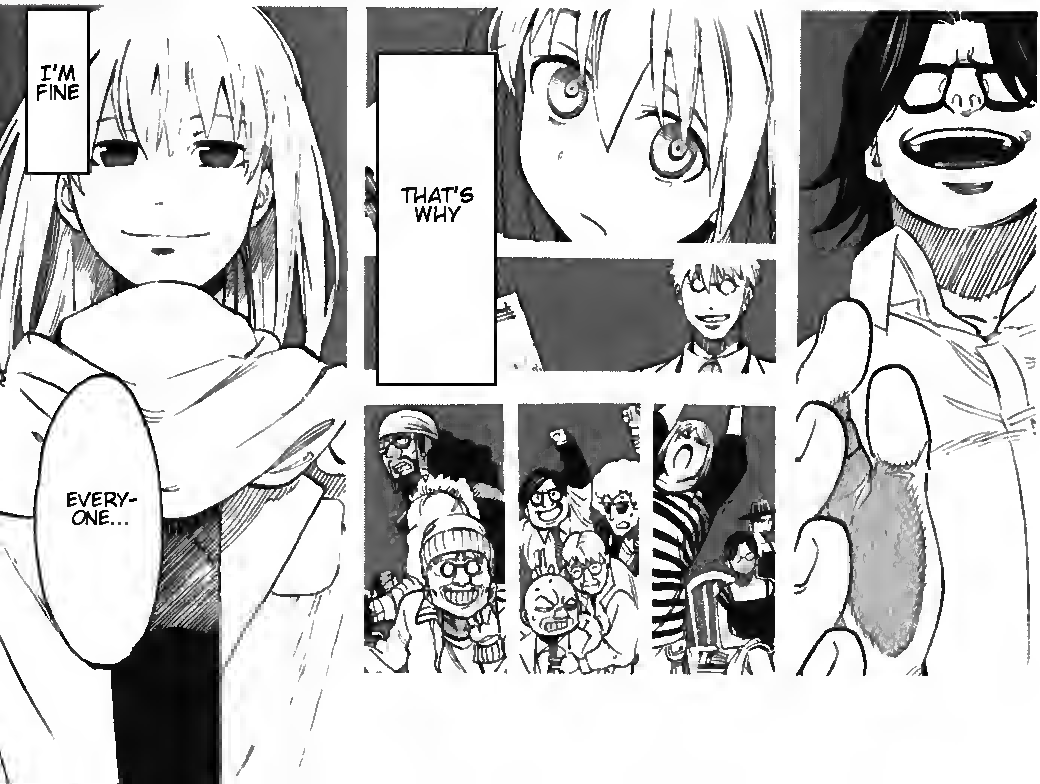
I
I'M GRATE-FUL
TO BE ABLE TO SERVE LIKE THIS FOR HUMANITY
I WAS MADE FOR HUMANITY, BUT WAS ALWAYS ASLEEP

I THOUGHT ABOUT IT FOR A LONG TIME, IN A DARK PLACE
I HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO UNDER-STAND BY MYSELF

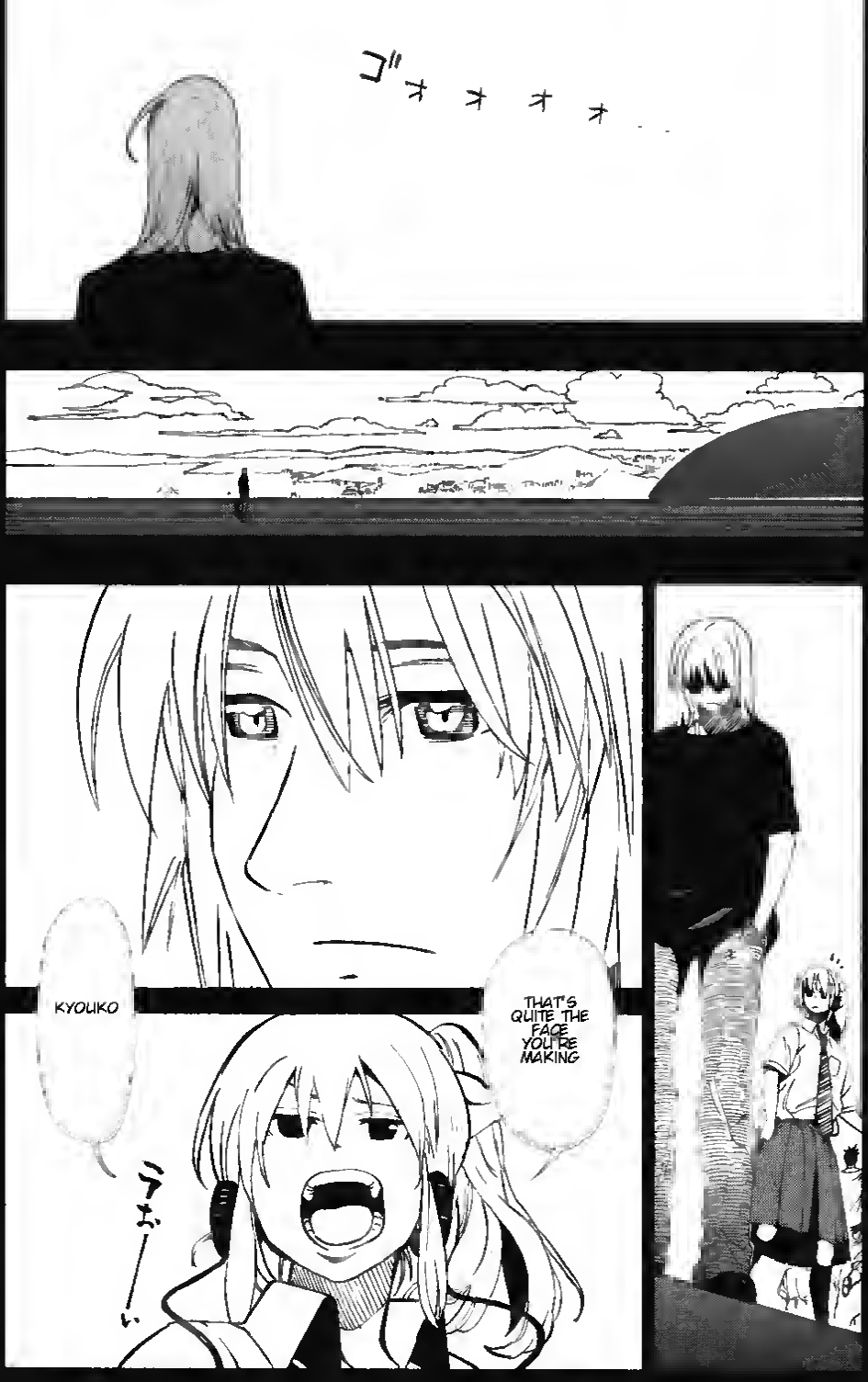
I GAINED A "SELF"
THE DAY I WAS GIVEN A NAME

I GAINED MANY THINGS
IN A LITTLE TIME
IN A MUCH SHOR-TER TIME

MANY...


I'M FINE
EVERY-ONE...
THAT'S WHY

RECOMMENCING AUTO-SLEEP
I WON'T FORGET
THIS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE SEQUENCE IS COMPLETE
ANYTHING
THANK YOU
ESTIMATED TIME OF COMPLETION
400 YEARS LATER...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KYOUKO
THAT'S QUITE THE FACE YOU'RE MAKING
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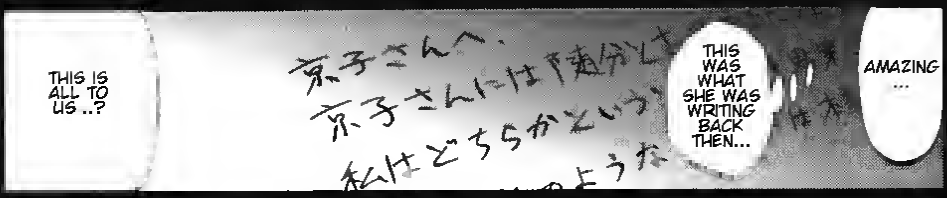
WAH
Sketch Book


京子さんへ、
京子さんには『随分と
私はどちらかというと
のような
THIS IS ALL TO US ..?
THIS WAS WHAT SHE WAS WRITING BACK THEN...
AMAZING ...

I'VE BEEN HELPED A LOT BY KYOUKO-SAN WHILE TRAVELLING WITH YOU
TO KYOUKO-SAN

IN THE END SHE STILL WRITES SUCH A POLITE LETTER
...
IF I MAY SAY IT, I MAY BE RATHER RESERVED AND NOT KYOUKO-SAN'S TYPE...

I'm fine, I'm not afraid
THAT ID
IDIOT...
?
!?
WH... WHAT IS IT
Sket

HEY, THIS THING IS COMPLETELY BROKEN
YEAH, LIKE I CAN'T TELL
KAAH... THIS IS NO GOOD

ARE THE INSTRUMENTS FINE?
YEAH
THEY'RE FINE
OI
You aren't going to ask about me?
WHAT DO WE DO NOW...
I SEE, SENDOU
THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S A MEMORIAL CONCERT
DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM?
AH, ERM, NO...
WE'VE BECOME PRETTY POPULAR, BY THE LOOKS OF IT
YOU'RE STILL RIDING THAT OLD THING THOUGH
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO SAY IT

SENDOU'S RECONSTRUCTION IS WELL IN PROGRESS
AS THE NEW LEADER, I THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU
AND HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RESTORE OUR CIVILISATION
WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE HAVE GATHERED TECHNOLOGIES FROM AFAR...
book

WE DEVELOPED NEW TECHNOLOGIES
AND HAVE BEEN PROGRESSING AT AN ACCELERATED PACE...
AND
HAVE NEARLY REACHED THE LEVEL OF SCIENCE USED TO DEVELOP ME
AND THE FIRST USE OF THAT...
WHAT IS IT?
HM? I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME
AHH...
THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S ABOUT TIME SHE CAME BACK
SHE'S GOING TO EXPERIENCE HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT ALL AT ONCE
IT'LL BE A SURPRISE TO HER

THAT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER
BUT

SEE WITH YOUR OWN EYES
HEAR WITH YOUR OWN EARS
WHEN YOU FINALLY REACH IT
IT WILL BE YOUR TRUTH
MEET WITH PEOPLE
WALK ON THE EARTH
AND WHEN EVERYTHING ENDS
YOU CAN DECIDE THEN
SketchBook

SHOULD BE
HOW THE WORLD

【麻宮さんの妹】

あとがき
ATOGAKI.

２年間というのはわりと短いと思っていましたが、作品に関して振り返ってみると、途方もなく長い期間だったように思います。東京来てからだと３年、年齢的に言えば大学卒業、なんとも節目で丁度良いです。

実は恥ずかしい話ではありますが、僕は宿題というものをほとんど提出してきませんでした。何かをコツコツ続けるなんてことは、とうていムリ！だと思っていたのです。しかも、それを定期的に!!ヒィィ無理無理。しかし、麻宮さんはなんというか、もう本人もびっくりですが、こうして完結とあいなったわけであります。すごい！初体験！ある意味、新記録！(?)

漫画家になりたいと漠然と思っていました。しかし、なってみたら、その漫画家という職業は今までと何ら変わらない普通の職業だったようです。当たり前に毎日描いて、たまに休んで。会社や学校と同じように動いた方が楽だったり…。そういうないがしろにしてきた当たり前なことに、ことごとく気づかされるそんな２年間だったような気がします。

これを書いている今、12月手前です。ホントに丁度２年前に１話を描いていました。果たして、この１年後、３年後、その先には僕は一体何を描いているのでしょうね。楽しみです。

それでは長らくご覧いただき、ありがとうございました。またお会いしましょう。では。

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